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Former President Pranab Mukherjee loses battle for life at Delhi's Army hospital; was seen as the encyclopaedia of contemporary Indian history; was accorded Bharat Ratna in 2019

THE PM INDIA NEVER HAD

SANTWANA BHATTACHARYA

PRANAB Mukherjee was the prime minister that India never had. Instead, he became President—the 13th in India's line, bringing a rare political gravitas to that role. But it was the other office, that of the highest executive, that destiny seemed to have held out for him more than once—and ultimately denied. Not because he lacked stature, statesmanship or political heft. If there was one thing he lacked, it was the direct connect of the mass leader, but then he was almost the perfect embodiment of the other kind of politician—the

savant, policy maven and parliamentarian in whom the spirit of institutions seemed to find their fullest expression.

Often fondly called the encyclopaedia of contemporary Indian history, current affairs and constitutional norms, Mukherjee, who died after a chest infection and long related illnesses at Delhi's Army Referral Hospital on Monday, indeed leaves a void in Indian polity, never to be filled.

A man who could be the accessible Pranab to all and sundry, and still inspire awe and respect—the eminence grise who could admonish anyone and everyone, whenever he

thought it fit.

When he took oath as President in July 2012—a long way from his humble village in Birbhum, West Bengal, where he walked miles through rice fields to reach his school—he was expected to be a 'political' president. But he surprised even veteran analysts by being a textbook President. Never overstepping the boundaries of constitutional proprieties and his own inclusive, democratic moorings.

Unlike a Giani Zail Singh or K R Narayanan, Mukherjee did not see Rashtrapati Bhawan as an oppositional space to government. That's why he could

straddle the transition from UPA to NDA, from Manmohan Singh to Narendra Modi, without a glitch. No surprise he was accorded the highest civilian award of the land, the much coveted Bharat Ratna in 2019.

However, nor was it the case that he had retreated into a grand mansion of silence. If he chose to intervene, it was not by returning legislation passed by Parliament, like some of his predecessors. Having been on the other side, he knew the sanctity of that space. Instead, he used his constitutionally mandated speeches as President to point to aberrations he noticed—thus becoming a vital

stabilising figure at a very transitional time.

In that sense, much like A B Vajpayee, Mukherjee was a child, a byproduct of parliamentary democracy. He truly believed in the power of debate. He was, indeed, very pained and disturbed in his last years about the decline in parliamentary functioning, and its image, centrality and prestige.

A quintessential Congress politician, Mukherjee was neither above contradiction nor a stranger to the little intrigues of Delhi politics. He, after all, was witness to several transitions, the Emergency, two assassinations, liberalisation, the

emergence of the BJP. Though it was the Congress and a reluctant Sonia Gandhi who let him make an honourable transition to presidency, he nurtured the hurt of having been passed up for the PM's job.

Once, after Indira Gandhi, when her son Rajiv succeeded her, and not Mukherjee, then the senior-most Cabinet minister. Later, twice, as Sonia chose Manmohan Singh over him in 2004, and did not deem it fit to even make him Home Minister (as he had told me in an interview), and when she continued with Singh despite UPA's dwindling reputation.

He had to nearly engineer an

escape to Rashtrapati Bhavan lest he be stuck in a Congress with a generation closer to his daughter Sharmistha's age group, some of whom had neither the savvy nor the humbleness to learn the ropes. No one, however, understood Mukherjee's political mind as much as Sonia, who once famously said she couldn't think of a CWC meeting without "Pranab". She is also said to have admitted that sidelining Pranab was Rajiv Gandhi's biggest mistake. Minus his astute political instincts guiding him, Rajiv lurched from one crisis to another.

Despite the hurt of having to report to Singh, once an official in his ministry when he was FM in the 80s, Mukherjee worked hard for the UPA regime in various top ministries, heading about 50 GoMs at one point!

FULL COVERAGE: P3,9



Some of the indicators used for GDP estimates

Indicators	FY21 Q1
Coal	-15
Crude oil	-6.5
Cement	-38.3
Steel	-56.8
Commercial vehicles	-84.8
Bank deposits	9.6
Bank credits	5.6
Mining	-22.4
Manufacturing	-40.7
Electricity	-15.8
Metallic minerals	-43.3

Worst shrink in Q1 GDP data shows economy is in ICU

SUNITHA NATTI

INDIA'S first quarter GDP shrunk to a level unknown in our economic history. At 23.9%, it's the sharpest contraction since 1996 when we began bean-counting quarterly data and probably the worst since 1980s. Assuming a 5-6% trend-line growth, the effective output loss in Q1 is upwards of ₹10 lakh crore. That's the national output lost, perhaps, forever, as Covid-19 cut the economy fiercer than a Samurai blade.

In absolute numbers, total output punched in at ₹26.9 lakh crore, down from ₹35 lakh crore last year. Worrying, nominal GDP — widely used in government estimates — contracted

20.6% or from ₹44.8 lakh crore to ₹35.6 lakh crore.

Just as misfortune conspires with bad luck during crises, several key metrics pounded each other into the ground leaving Asia's third-largest economy in a quicksand with both demand and supply side contraction standing witness.

On the supply side, all but agriculture saw a de-growth with some like construction, manufacturing and services contracting indecently at 40-50%. Demand side too mirrored this with investments shrinking 47%, while consumer spending saw a negative growth of 27%. Like in the past, government expenditure saved the day with 16.4% growth, but that's an im-

polite increase given the pandemic and the sovereign's role of riding to everyone's rescue. That said, excluding government spending, GDP would have contracted even worse by 30%. So that's some solace.

In essence, just two life-sustaining arteries — agriculture and government spending — pumped our economy. As if that's not disappointing, fiscal deficit data released separately showed that the government continued to pinch both revenue and capital spending. Whether this was anticipating lower tax receipts or fearing deficit scolds is unclear. Almost every country is emptying its public purse to fight the pandemic-led downturn, but In-

dia's fiscal deficit in July stood lower than June, reflecting overt caution against a debt binge.

Meanwhile, economists believe the latest data betrays the inferno inside as they expect revisions to toss shocking de-growth grenades later. Policy watcher Anil Sood offered some proof. Take inventory, which should have seen depletion because production was shut for two months. Instead, it recorded a quarterly increase similar to last year at ₹53,000 crore. Ditto consumption spending, which Sood thinks could be sharper than what's captured in Monday's provisional estimates.

Interestingly, valuables — including high value purchases — saw an unmistakable decline indicating spending curbs not just by lower income households, but also by India's bourgeoisie and the super rich.

Moreover, given the unglamorous state of core sector data, chances are we are in a recession right now, though the official word will be out in November. In nearly seven decades, we've seen only four years of negative growth, but economic pundits are entering heavy discussions not about recession, but when the worst will be behind us, so recovery can begin.

Chief economic adviser K V

Subramanian signalled that India was experiencing a V-shaped recovery with high frequency indicators like rail freight and power consumption showing promise. But even with some improvements in next three quarters, several believe the rate of FY21 contraction could be beyond -5%.

The choice for the government will be whether consumption or investment side needs to be pushed. Given the limited fiscal space economists believe a demand or consumption-led recovery is crucial for the economy, but that requires government measure to arrest job losses and increase disposable incomes.

FULL COVERAGE: P10

PLA bid to change LAC status quo foiled again

MAYANK SINGH AND PUSHKAR BANAKAR @New Delhi

A fresh confrontation is brewing in Eastern Ladakh with the Indian Army thwarting China's attempted ingress at a new point to change status quo on the intervening night of August 29 and 30.

Army spokesperson Colonel Aman Anand revealed the Chinese Army "carried out provocative military movements to change the status quo". "PLA troops violated previous consensus arrived at during military and diplomatic engagements during the ongoing stand-off in Eastern Ladakh," he added.

A senior Army officer added, "We were alert to such a step by the Chinese Army as even after a huge mobilisation of troops and equipment they have not been able to make much shift in the Line of Actual Control. With winter approaching things will become even more difficult for them."

Sources said nearly 200 PLA troops accompanied with the armoured vehicles were part of the attempted ingress on the Southern Bank of Pangong Tso Lake. Indian troops pre-empted and thwarted Chinese attempts to



Army trucks move towards Ladakh via the Leh-Manali Highway, on Monday | P11

unilaterally change the situation on the ground. However, there was no clear word on whether or not there was any contact or clash between the two sides.

"We expect retaliatory action. We are ready," said another officer. The Indian side called for a Brigade Commander level flag meeting at Chushul to resolve the issue.

For its part, China blamed India for the tension. Colonel Zhang Shuili, spokesperson of the Western Theater Command at Chengdu, said, "The Hunan coast and the nearby Regan mountain pass once again illegally crossed the line and took control, blatantly provoking and causing tension on the border... China strongly opposes this. (sic)"

READY TO ROLL

- Metro services in a phased manner from Sept 7
- KR Market and Kalasipalya too will open today
- Religious, social, political gatherings, with a cap of 100 people, from Sept 21

Pubs, bars to open today with riders

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

PUBS and bars in the State will be allowed to serve alcohol in their premises for their dine-in customers from September 1 on condition that at no time they would have more than 50 per cent of occupancy. The watering holes have also been instructed to strictly follow the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) guidelines and standard operating procedures (SOPs) for Covid19.

The Government Order (GO) issued on Monday cleared the decks for the re-opening of pubs, bars and resto-bars, which were closed since March 24, when the first lockdown was announced as an extreme measure of precaution to contain the spread of the highly infectious virus. While there is enough emphasis on safety, there is no restriction on business timings. "They are allowed to function as per their licence condition," said a senior State Excise officer. Excise Commissioner, M Lokesh had presented the proposal on re-opening of pubs and bars last weekend to the government; soon after the MHA Unlock 4.0 guidelines were issued. P7



EXPRESS READ

States can decide on quota for docs

The Supreme Court on Monday held that states are empowered to make special provisions for granting quota in admissions in PG courses to government doctors serving in remote areas.

SC asks Mallya to appear before it on October 5

The SC on Monday directed businessman Vijay Mallya to appear before it on October 5 while dismissing his plea seeking review of the 2017 verdict which held him guilty of contempt.

Tough SC language but token fine for Bhushan

KANU SARDA @New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday imposed a token fine of ₹1 on senior advocate Prashant Bhushan after his conviction for contempt of court for his two tweets criticising the present Chief Justice of India (CJI) and his predecessors and said it was not afraid of either sentencing or debaring him from practice.



Hours later, Bhushan said he will respectfully pay the penalty while reserving the right to seek review of the conviction and sentencing.

A three-judge bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra while reading out the verdict said, "We are not afraid of sentencing the contemnor either with imprisonment or from debaring him from the practice. His conduct reflects adumance and ego,

which has no place to exist in the system of administration of justice and in noble profession, and no remorse is shown for the harm done to the institution to which he belongs."

Bhushan was directed to pay the token penalty by September 15, failing which he will have to undergo simple imprisonment of three months and will be barred from practicing before the apex court for three years. P10



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A BBMP staffer sanitises KR Market on Monday
 |MEGHANA SASTRY

SOPs for Metro to be finalised today

Bengaluru: With the state government giving the green signal for resuming Metro train services from September 7, the SOPs to be followed will be finalised on Tuesday with the Ministry of Urban and Home Affairs. An official said, "The details will be spelt out by MoUHA in the Sept 1 meet. If they can be implemented soon, we will be in a position to start services on September 7. If not, we will resume after the SOPs are put in place." ENS

Unlock 4.0: Kalasipalya, KR Market to open today

Will be shut if Covid cases surface, norms flouted: BBMP to traders

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AFTER a gap of five months, the city retail and wholesale hubs - KR Market and Kalasipalya - will open for customers from Tuesday. They continue to function until the alternative facility at Singena Agrahara in Anekal is fully ready.

BBMP Commissioner N Manjunath Prasad and other BBMP officials visited both the markets and instructed traders to open their businesses, but on the condition that if any Covid norms are violated or coronavirus cases reported, the markets would be shut again. The officials ensured that all measures are in place and markings are painted for customers to queue up in front of shops. Both the markets have been sanitised and disinfected, and 15 marshals placed at each market to ensure social distancing norms are maintained, solid waste management rules are followed and hawkers don't enter. To ensure quick testing and round-the-clock medical assistance, two health centres have been set up, said Ravindra, Joint Commissioner, markets, BBMP.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had to roll back its earlier decision of



BBMP Commissioner N Manjunath Prasad and other officials inspect safety measures at K R Market on Monday ahead of its opening | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

permanently closing and shifting the Kalasipalya market to Singena Agrahara after traders requested the government against it, citing logistic and transportation problems. Manjunath Prasad is firm that the two markets would be moved out of the city centre once Singena Agrahara is ready.

The task of putting up necessary infrastructure at the 42.5-acre facility has been assigned to the Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC), which has sought two years' time. APMC Director Karee Gowda told TNIE, "We have been told by the BBMP to create the space at the earliest so that KR and Kalasipalya markets can be shifted out from Bengaluru. Creating the entire infrastructure will cost Rs 100 crore and land

acquisition alone will take up around Rs 50-60 crore. The proposal for land acquisition has been sent to the government for approval."

To ensure that markets remain safe, traders at Kalasipalya are now deciding on the timings for the entry of trucks for loading and unloading. "A timetable is being created for each shop, where trucks, tempos or autos assigned to each shop should come in at the slated time. The timetable will be shared with the government for approval. In the last five months, we have suffered losses of Rs 10 crore," said R V Gopi, president, Vegetable and Fruit Merchants' Association, Kalasipalya.

There are 400 shops in Kalasipalya and 1,200 in KR Market.

JEE Mains aspirants down by 50%

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
 @Bengaluru

THE number of candidates writing the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Mains has fallen drastically, compared to the number of aspirants in January.

While 82,857 aspirants registered in January, just about 43,894 students will be writing the examination from September 1 to 6. Experts believe the pandemic could have contributed to the dip, besides factors such as CET results.

Prof Gurushant V Valasang, head of Dyavapannavar Valasang Educational and Academic Trust, said a majority of engineering aspirants take the JEE Mains in April as the classroom syllabus also ends by then. The January test is taken as a trial, he added.

"99 per cent of engineering aspirants who write the JEE Mains first exam, also write the second exam," said Prof Narendra L Nayak, chairman, Expert Educational and Charitable Foundation, Mangaluru, an institute which has several rankholders, and has sent students to the National Institute of Technology Karnataka, over the years.

Nayak said that since the best of the two results is considered, these students write the examination both times.

However, NEET aspirants also write the JEE Mains in mid-January for practice, since it's the first all-India examination. These contribute to the drop in candidates in the second JEE Mains, as NEET is close on the heels of

the exam.

He believed that the drop this year is due to CET and results being declared before the JEE exam. "If CET is difficulty level 4, JEE Mains is difficulty level 6. Each year, exams are written one after the other. This year, students who were not capable of jumping higher left," he said. The pandemic and time gap between examinations would have affected 5 per cent of students, he said.

While Karnataka was among the many states that saw a dip in aspirants in the second JEE Mains examination, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Jharkhand, Jammu and Kashmir, Lakshadweep, Leh and Ladakh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Odisha, Punjab, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal saw higher enrolments for the September examination.

Even outside India, students writing the exam increased from 1142 to 1265.

TN SEES RISE

Tamil Nadu is the only South Indian state to see an increase in candidates for the September JEE Mains vis a vis the same exam in January



Despite protests, JEE, NEET to be on schedule

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DESPITE widespread flak over social media platforms, the National Testing Agency and the State government are set to hold the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE-Main) for 43,894 aspirants at 33 centres in Karnataka. The examination will be held from September 1 to 6.

Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan, who is also the Minister for Higher Education, had told *The New Indian Express* that arrangements similar to KCET were being made now for the JEE and NEET exams.

Students in Karnataka joined their compatriots on Monday to show their disapproval by trending hashtags.

JEE Advanced is scheduled for September 27 and Architecture Aptitude Test (AAT) for October 8. National Eligibility Cum Entrance (UG) examination will be held on September 13, as per the National Testing Agency (NTA) that is conducting the examinations.

"The Supreme Court has also, inter alia, ordered - 'We find that there is absolutely no justification in the prayer made for postponement of the examination in question relating to NEET UG-2020 as well as JEE (Main) April, 2020.' NTA has since released Admit Cards of JEE-Main examination. The Admit Cards of NEET (UG) 2020 will also be released shortly. We have ensured that more than 99% candidates get their first choice of Centres and Cities in both these examinations," said NTA.

As many as 8.58 lakh and 15.97 lakh candidates have registered for JEE (Main) and NEET (UG), respectively.



City saw 51% rainfall deficit in August

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BENGALURU saw a deficit of 51% rainfall in August, compared to the past two years, but its seasonal rainfall for June-August is 19 per cent above normal, according to India Meteorological Department data.

Data shows that up to August 30, the city received 63mm rain, compared to 134mm in 2019 and 95mm in 2018.

IMD-Bengaluru, Director in-charge CS Patil said the rainfall in the month of August was less than this year as the conditions were not favourable. However, the city experienced heavy rainfall in the months of June and July, which is 19 per cent above normal rainfall for that period.

In June, the city recorded 131 mm rain against the normal of 72mm and in July 156mm

against the normal of 95mm. Karnataka as a whole received 296.9 mm rainfall in August 2020 against the normal of 216.1mm. The state received 37 per cent excess rainfall. In the month of June, 2020, the State received 203.6mm rainfall against the normal of 199.3mm. In July 2020, the state recorded 282.8 mm rainfall against normal of 264.2 mm.



Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

01st September: The Moon is soon to make one of its more traditional patterns. People born under this position are obstinate but also often charming, friendly and helpful and the world would be a better place if there were more like them. It follows that today is a day for good manners, courteous behaviour and consideration for strangers.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

You should wake up with a spring in your step - hopefully. This may be an emotional day, but it could also be a positive one. The feelings to emphasise today are those of sympathy for the underdog which do you such credit.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

You might be a little secretive today - and why not! It may be that other people are not ready to hear what you have to say, or even that you yourself do not yet fully understand your deeper feelings. In that case, you have all the more reason to delay.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Teamwork will serve you best. If you must press on alone, it may be that financial pressures are paramount, or that money is just generally on your mind. Your attitudes are likely to be somewhat conservative and tied to the past, but there is nothing wrong with that!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

It's a special time of year - again! This doesn't mean that everything will be easy, but it will be positive, which is an entirely different matter. Events of importance are lining up. All you have to do is make sure you have the skills and experience to make the most of them.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Bear in mind that very soon you will be under powerful pressure to come clean. It may be that you have nothing to hide but, in any event, you should be as honest as possible, and that means being straight with yourself as well as with others. Choose your words with care.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

You are known to be cautious in many matters, but you can be surprisingly assertive when it comes to joint finances. This is one such time, and you should make it clear that your desires must be respected. You might be surprised how willingly others do your bidding if you ask in the right way!

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

Listen carefully and pay great attention to partners' feelings. If there is to be any emotional friction today, early morning and mid-afternoon are the likely moments, which means that around these times you should be especially diplomatic. Spread a little goodwill and you'll earn respect.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

There are some indications that this should be a busy day, but not overwhelmingly so. While you will have your fair share of chores, there could also be opportunities to duck and dive and generally opt out of unwanted commitments should you wish! Just make sure that you don't let anyone down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

The times are looking positive, although finance is one area where you could feel uncomfortable. To be precise, it's joint monetary matters which could be irritating, and you may easily come to resent domestic costs. Ultimately, it's your status which is more important than your bank balance.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

If there is any question about your priorities, family matters should come first. Even at work, you will do best if your professional matters or family relationships in love, stand back and let others settle the pace.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

You must accept whatever boundaries or restraints are necessary to enhance your aims, and not create any sort of rumpus, especially where joint agreements are concerned. Your major goal now should be to build up your long-term security - no question asked!

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

It's hard cash which holds the key to your current ambitions. In all matters, especially financial, it's a moment to be assertive. This doesn't mean being aggressive or selfish, but it does mean standing up for yourself - and seeing that your interests are respected.

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HARD

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

5	4	7	2	8	6	9	1	3
1	6	2	5	9	3	7	8	4
9	3	8	7	4	1	2	5	6
6	2	4	1	7	8	5	3	9
8	1	5	9	3	2	4	6	7
7	9	3	6	5	4	1	2	8
2	7	1	3	6	9	8	4	5
4	5	6	8	1	7	3	9	2
3	8	9	4	2	5	6	7	1

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LAMAL

DARUF

GILAOE

LANTEG

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Yesterdays

Jumbles: TRACT

Answer: Business at the casino was on the rise and getting - "BETTOR" AND "BETTOR"

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BOOKIE

(Answers tomorrow)

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

I wish this had a better title monitor on it. They really need to upgrade their title. The words are more out.

THE GYM INSTALLED SOME MEDICINE JOGGING MACHINES THAT WERE...

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

THE

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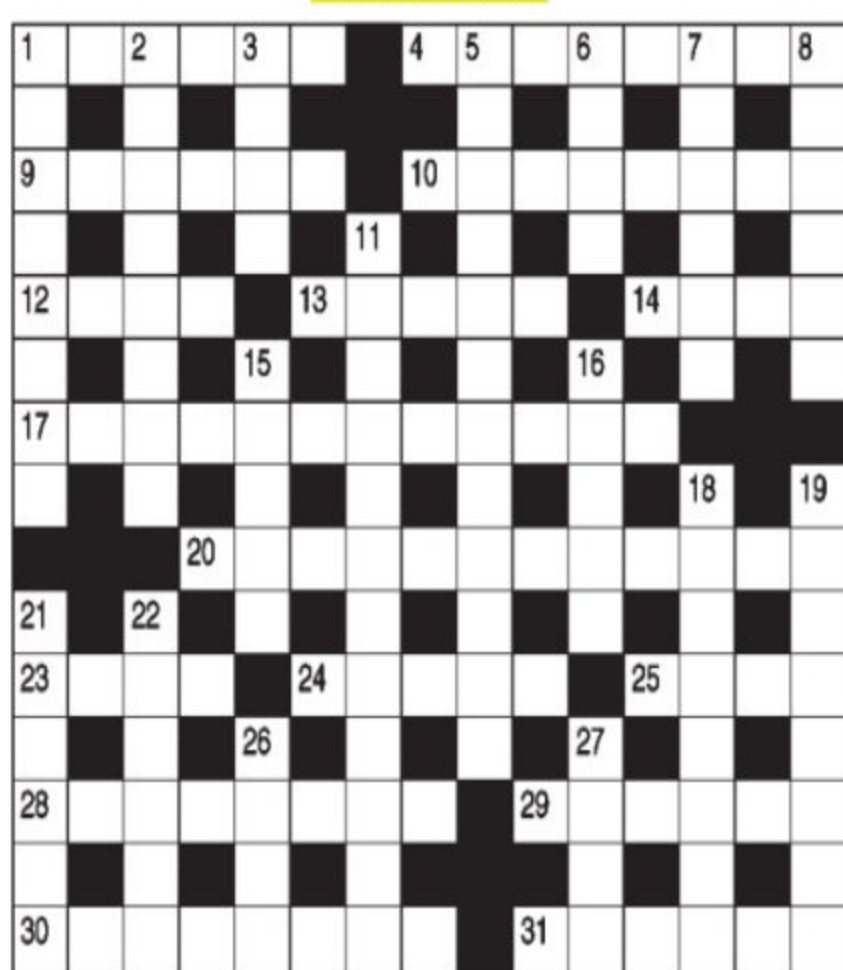
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(Answers tomorrow)

CROSS WORD



ACROSS

- Tom let loose on the ranch (6)
- Say I'd go after a government subsidy (5,3)
- Honour I dream about (6)
- He keeps a servant (8)
- Standard feature of Saturn or Mars (4)
- Drive from a tee into open country (5)
- An element of quartz in crystal (4)
- A leading actor in a Western? (8,4)
- They rise or fall to some degree (12)
- Scandinavian cooked loaf (4)
- He may be wed in the end (5)
- Wise men having a different image out East (4)
- Type of vandalism that is so effective! (8)
- Cultural centre? (6)
- See 16 Down
- Rebel about some measure of power (6)

DOWN

- Relatively close? (8)
- Twenty-four hours from now (8)
- Learning a new role (4)
- What an expert in depreciation makes? (3,5,2)
- An amphibian to notice (4)
- A free family woman (6)
- Manage to show the way (6)
- Hop out of town (7,5)
- Feeling irritable? (5)
- 16 and 30 Across: Caught fighting? (5,8)
- Andy's one to provide a non-committal answer (3,3,2)
- Revolutionary paper money (8)
- An active talker maybe but the talk is idle (6)
- Where in Africa one supports the law to some degree (6)
- Bespoken greeting in American state (4)
- Overweight Oriental with fortune (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Packs, 4 Realism, 8 Lot, 9 Impromptu, 10 Reredos, 11 Nudge, 13 Mickey Mouse, 15 Edison, 18 Reset, 19 Default, 21 Sprouting, 23 Bar, 24 Segment, 25 Tidal.

Down: 1 Pilgrim, 2 Cataracts, 3 Shied, 4 Repose, 5 Adorned, 6 Imp, 12 Disturbed, 14 Enthuse, 16 Natural, 17 Adrift, 18 Roses, 20 Fight, 22 Rig.

'PRANABDA WAS BEHIND INDIRA'S VICTORY IN 1978'

LS poll in Chikmagalur ensured Cong's return to power at Centre: Moily; Ex-Prez had toured state for Assembly election earlier that year

IN MEMORIAM

Pranab da will be remembered for his vast knowledge of politics, statecraft and policy making. My respectful tributes to the departed soul

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa

Dr Pranab Mukherjee was a great visionary, an effective administrator and a guiding force. He was widely respected for his no-nonsense attitude

S M Krishna, Former CM

I had the honour of working with Dr Pranab Mukherjee and his commitment to the nation was unparalleled

Malikarjun Kharge, RS MP

The nation has lost a great human being, a statesman, a person who brought dignity to all the posts he held

B L Santhosh, General Secretary (Organisation), BJP

Deeply saddened by the demise of former President and senior Congress leader Shri Pranab Mukherjee. His contribution to our country shall always be remembered

Siddamaiah, Oppn Leader

RAMU PATIL @Bengaluru

FORMER President of India and veteran Congress leader Pranab Mukherjee toured extensively across Karnataka and worked tirelessly to ensure the victory of Indira Gandhi from the Chikmagalur Lok Sabha constituency in 1978 -- the historic election that turned the fate of Congress and ensured its return to power at the Centre. Mukherjee had also helped the state party unit with the Assembly elections earlier that year.

On his passing away on Monday, Congress leaders and political analysts reminisced about Pranabda's contributions to the party in Karnataka. "He was the go-to leader to solve any sticky issue or situation. In 1978, he toured the entire state when the party was facing difficult times," said former Union minister and senior Congress leader M Veerappa Moily.

Moily, who was then an MLA from the Karkala assembly segment -- which was part of the Chikmagalur LS constituency, had campaigned along with Mukherjee for Indira Gandhi. "We had also toured the entire state for eight to nine days, covering all the taluks from Bidar to Karwar. He played a big role in whipping up the wave for Congress in the state, and that had a big impact at the national level," Moily said.

He said Pranabda was like "a mentor to me and was responsible for me occupying several positions later. Today, we have lost



Pranab Mukherjee with former PM Indira Gandhi and former CM R Gundu Rao

a great leader".

Political analyst and Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's media advisor Mahadeva Prakash recalled that Mukherjee travelled the length and breadth of the Chikmagalur LS constituency with Moily and Congress MLA K Gangadhar Gowda, who later became a minister for information when R Gundu Rao became the chief minister.

Mukherjee stayed put in the constituency for over a week and

Prakash as a journalist had covered those elections for a Kannada daily.

"He was a great leader and a simple person," said senior Congress leader BL Shankar, who interacted with Mukherjee on several occasions. "He had a sharp memory and could quote historical facts off-hand. He was instrumental in the success of the Congress, and later, UPA governments. As a Union minister, Pranab da would meet people even at 11 pm," he added.



Former President Pranab Mukherjee during his visit to the Chamundi Hills

He was very humble: BBMP Commissioner

Bengaluru: He was a towering figure and a humble person -- paying rich tribute to former President Pranab Mukherjee, BBMP Commissioner N Manjunath Prasad recollected that he had the honour of working with him when he was posted as tahsildar at Murshidabad in West Bengal in 2004. "In 2004, when Mukherjee was Rajya Sabha MP, he would visit the place to take stock of the situation. When he became defence minister, he would come by rail, road or even by special defence aircraft. I would be assigned the duty of receiving him at the railway station at 3 am or 4 am," he said. Prasad added that it was a pleasure to see him talk to the zilla heads on the ground situation. "He would give a patient hearing to take in all details, after which he would interact with the three area MPs," he said.

STATE IN MOURNING FOR SEVEN DAYS

State Government announced seven days state mourning, from Aug 31 to Sept 6, after former President Pranab Mukherjee died at a hospital in New Delhi on Monday. No official entertainment programmes will be held during those days and the national flag will fly half-mast at government buildings where they are flown regularly, according to a notification issued by the state government. Meanwhile, Mayor M Goutham announced that the Kempegowda awards, which were scheduled to be held on September 2, have now been postponed.

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Eranna M/ Roopa V-no 26 1st Floor Praharsha 4th Main 5th Cross 2nd Stage Vinayaka Layout Vijay Nagar Bangalore- 560040 LBBNG00003669413 LBBNG00001980776	All That Piece And Parcel Of Land Ad-measuring 21 Acres And 01 1/2 In Survey Numbers All That Piece And Parcel Of Land Measuring 21 Acres And 01 1/2 Guntas (") In Survey Number 327/1, 327/2, 328/2, 342, 343/1, 344, 345, 346/1, 346/2, 346/3 & 346/4 Of Bidaraguppe Village, Attibele Hobli, Property Bearing Unit # Smr- 839 Situated On Second Floor In Central Block # 'c' Bearing Apartment # 213 Containing Two Bedrooms (under Construction) On 2nd Floor Having Super Built-up Area Of 1035 Sq. Ft (Which Includes Proportionate Share In Common Area And/ Or Other Areas Used In Common By Other Purchaser/s In The Shriram Smriti Residential Complex) Being Constructed In Cc Block. In The Residential Apartment Complex Known As Shriram Smriti Residential Complex Date Of Symbolic Possession- 27.08.2020	30.10.2019 Rs. 34,23,091.00/-	Bangalore
2.	Akshay B N/ Rashmi B -No 386 Swarnareeno 4th Main Road Talakaveri Layout Amruthahalli Bangalore North, Bangalore- 560092/ LBBNG00004414059	All That Piece And Parcel Of Residential Site No.27, Khatha No.973 Situated At Attur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Within The Revenue Jurisdiction Of Bbnp, new Khatha No.973/27/54/1, bbmp Khatha No.229/3003/973/27 Bangalore Ad Measuring East To West 80 Ft., North To South 116+112/2 Ft., In All Measuring 9520 Sq. Ft., Residential Bedroom Apartment Bearing No.2c In Block Create In The First Floor In The Residential Apartment Building Known As 'Jayanthi Sanku' With Super Built UP Area Admeasuring 1073 Sq. Ft., (which is Inclusive Of The Floors, Ceiling And Walls Between The Apartment And Proportionate Share In All Common Area) Together With One Covered Car Parking Space/Date Of Symbolic Possession- 26.08.2020	05.09.2019 Rs. 52,07,846.00/-	Bangalore
3.	Geetha R K/ Rathana Kumar- No.4, 1st A Cross Bidadava Layout Padmanabhanagar Bangalore- 560061 LBBNG00001510452 LBBNG00001510624	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Residential Property Bearing Site No.23 (Twenty Three), Old H.I. No.45, V.P. Katha No.494/3, Situated At Chikkakallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Now This Property Comes Within The Limits Of Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Corporation Ward No.55 P.D.No.55-62-8, New Corporation No.8 (Old No.23/45/494/3), 5th Cross, Brindavan Layout, Revenue Layout, Chikkakallasandra, Bangalore, Measuring East To West : 40-0 (Forty) Feet, And North To South: 30-0 (Thirty) Feet, Together With Six Square In Ground And Six Squares In First Floor Of R.C.C. Roofed House, Mosaic Flooring, Doors And Windows Are In Honne Wood And Steel Make, With Electricity, Water And Sanitary Facilities/ Date Of Symbolic Possession- 27.08.2020	24.12.2019 Rs. 15,58,603/-	Bangalore
4.	Nirmala Kakulavaram/ K Narasamma- No G-2 Ground Floor Kesar Residency, G Block 60 Feet Road Sahalahalli Nagar Bangalore- 560092/ LBBNG00002014491	All That Piece And Parcel Of A Residential Site Bearing Bbnp Khata No.1554/209/3,4,6,8, And Formed Out Of Converted Land Bearing Sy. Nos.209/3, 209/4, 209/8, 209/6 And 209/7 Of Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk And Converted For Residential Purposes Vide Official Memorandum Bearing No. Bds/Aln (N/A)/ Sr/65/94-95 Dated 08.12.1994, Official Memorandum Bearing No.aln (Nay) Sr 11/2006-07, Official Memorandum Bearing No.aln (Nay) Sr/28/2005-06 Dated 27.03.2007 & Official Memorandum Bearing No Bds/aln (S.A) Sr 48/94-95 Located In The Limits Of Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk (Description Of Undivided Share Hereby Conveyed) Share Corresponding To 393/348480 Sq. Ft., Undivided Right, Title And Interest In The Schedule 'a' Property To Be Conveyed To The Purchaser Herein. Schedule 'c' (description Of The Apartment Hereby Conveyed) All That Piece And Parcel Of Apartment Bearing No.005 'C1' Type, Situated In Daffodil Block, On The Ground Floor In The Apartment Building Known As 'Alpine Pyramid' Constructed In The Property Described In The Schedule 'a' Property/Date Of Symbolic Possession- 26.08.2020	30.01.2020 Rs. 22,80,190/-	Bangalore
5.	Mekala Prudhvi/ Himabindu- No 06 Sbi Layout 2nd Cross Kodichikkanahalli Bangalore- 560076 LBBNG00004283812	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Residential Apartment Building Constructed By The Bangalore Development Authority In Various Portions Of Sy. No 90/4, 90/3, 91/1a, 92/4 And 92/5 Of Valagahalli In Stage-1 In 1st Block Of Gnanabharathi Layout Bangalore In The Land Measuring East To West: 63.00 Mtrs, And North To South: 36.00 Mtrs In All Measuring 2268.00 Sq. Mtrs All That Piece And Parcel Of The Residential Apartment Bearing Flat No. E-303 In "bhadra" In Third Floor Of The Apartment Building Gnanabharathi Enclave Situated In E- Block Of 1st Stage/Of Valagahalli Layout Having Super Built Up Area Of 34.46 Sq. Mtrs, Was Constructed With Cement And Bricks, With Doors And Sanitary Connections And With Right To Use Common Areas, Entrances, Staircases, s Lobbies, Passages, Corridors, Etc/ Date Of Symbolic Possession- 27.08.2020	23.10.2019 Rs. 15,07,134/-	Bangalore
6.	Venkataramanappa Suresh/ Bharathi S- vajreshwari Silk And Sarees 409 350 G J And First Floor A S Mansion- Applicant Bb Road Bangalore- 560064/ LBBNG00004945904	All That Part And Parcel Of Immovable Residential Property Bearing Sy No.6/1 & 6/2, Measuring 46 Guntas Or 50094 Sq. Ft, Duly Converted For Residential Purposes, By The Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Vide Its Official Memorandum No. Aln. Sr (s) 490/2007-05, Dated 13-12-2004, Situated At Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Within The Limits Of Bbnp, It Has Assigned The Property With New Katha No.3437/2154/6/1 & 6/2, Katha No.1951, Kothanur, Bangalore- 83, All That Piece And Parcel Of The Immovable Residential Apartment Bearing Flat No.904, In Ninth Floor Of The Apartment Building Known As "thirumala Anemone" Constructed On Schedule 'A' Property And Apartment Measuring 2079 Square Feet Of Super Built Up Area, Consisting Of Four Bedrooms With Four Attached Toilets And One Common Toilet, A Kitchen With Utility, Dining And Living Room With Balcony, Inclusive Of Proportionate Share In Common Areas Such As Passages, Lobbies, Lifts, Staircases And Other Built Up Areas Of Common Use, Including Free Club House Membership With Right To Use One Covered Parking Space In The Basement/stilt Floor/ Date Of Symbolic Possession- 27.08.2020	22.02.2020 Rs. 86,71,557/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

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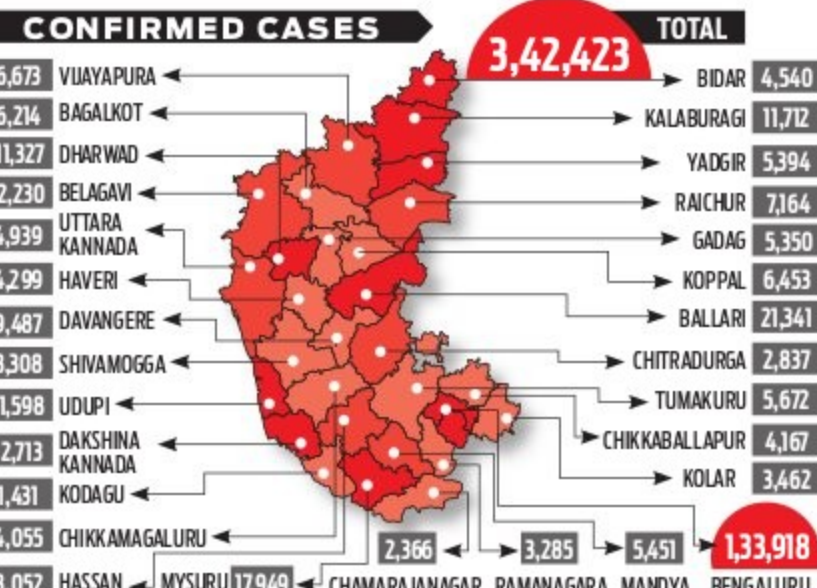
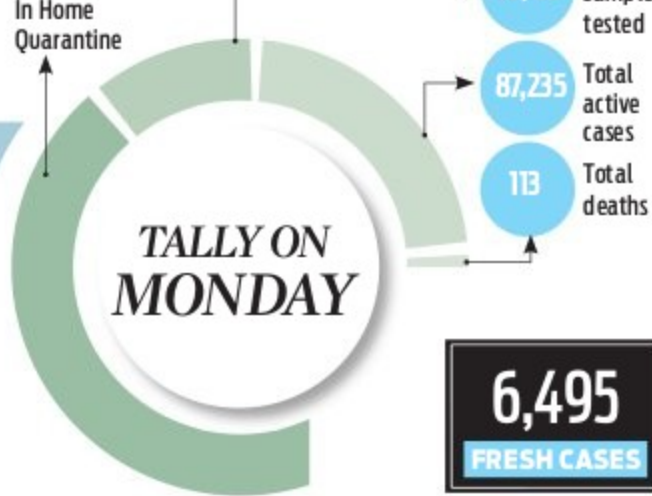
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IN
S.A.No.71/2019.

Between: M/S SRI LAKSHMI MALLEABLES PVT LTD - APPELLANT
And : THE MANAGER, Union bank of India & others -RESPONDENTS

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3. SRI RAMAKRISHNA, S/o. Late K.R. Ganesh Murthy, Aged about 56 years, R/at. No.142, 3rd Main, 4th cross, Chikkalassandra, Bangalore-61.
4. SRI.S.N. SUYAMEENDRA, S/o.Mr. Sushelendra Char, Aged about 46 Years, 5. SMT. S.N. VANISHREE, W/O. Sri S.N. Suyameendra, Aged in Major, Both are residing at R/at. No.348, 27 B Cross, 1st Phase, Gini Nagar, Bangalore-560085.
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Karnataka, Maha, AP make up 43% of India's caseload

Account for 50 per cent of deaths in past 24 hours, but experts say nothing to worry

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

WITH India hitting a global record of highest single-day rise of nearly 79,000 Covid-19 cases, the Union health ministry on Monday announced Karnataka as one of three states, along with Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh, which have together contributed to around 43 per cent of the total coronavirus cases in India.

"Nearly 43 per cent of cases have been recorded in three states, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. Also, seven states have contributed to 70 per cent of these new cases in the past 24 hours. Of these, Maharashtra has contributed the maximum caseload amounting to almost 21 per cent, followed by Andhra Pradesh 13.5 per cent, Karnataka 11.27 per cent and Tamil Nadu with 8.27 per cent," the Union health ministry said on Monday.

However, according to senior epidemiologists in the State, Karnataka's caseload contribution is high as testing has also gone up drastically. Testing per million population is also high in Andhra Pradesh. There is a surge in these two states compared to Maharashtra and Delhi, which had peaked earlier.

"These three states have a population of only 18% of India's total, and yet the total



The girls hostel at Bangalore University, which was used as a Covid Care Centre, is being cleared, with students set to return soon, on Monday | VINOD KUMAR

tests done account for nearly one-fourth of tests done in the country. This means the states that test well report a greater number of cases and also have the opportunity to bend the curve faster," explained senior epidemiologist and member of Covid-19 Technical Committee Dr Giridhara R Babu.

Dr CN Manjunath, director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research and member of State Covid Task Force said, "Many northern states have conducted fewer tests, so it does not truly reflect the disease burden. It gives an impression that they are in better control."

Meanwhile, Karnataka has been increasing daily testing in the past few days. On August 1, it tested 22,097 per million population, while on August 30, it tested 46,665 per million population.

There have also been several complaints about the State forcing people to test and also about several false positive reports from labs. "Just to ensure that we increase testing numbers, hospitals have been forcing people to subject themselves for tests. Also, labs are overburdened. This shouldn't be done," said a senior health official.

Meanwhile, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh

have also accounted for about 50 per cent of Covid-19 deaths in the past 24 hours.

However, Dr Babu said that instead of worrying, states like Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka should be shown as good models. "Andhra Pradesh is keeping mortality rate less than 1% of total cases. I am worried about states with higher populations but low testing, and reporting few cases. Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand account for 39% of India's population, and yet their testing is just 21% of the total tests, much lower than the three high caseload states," he explained.

Experts said that unless we follow a syndrome approach and enhance testing capacity throughout the country, reporting bias will wrongly convey that southern states have relatively higher burden than populous states.

To contain mortality rate and virus spread, Dr S Sachidanand, vice-chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences heading the State Death Audit Committee, said the government has to follow steps like health education, awareness about prevention and spread of Covid, testing, detect cases early, and early pro-active treatment. We can definitely flatten the curve soon, he said.



Mask-clad police officers on duty in Mysuru on Monday | UDAYSANKAR S

470 COPS IN MYSURU TEST +VE SO FAR

KARTHIK K K @Mysuru

AS many as 470 police personnel have been infected with Covid-19 since its outbreak in the district.

According to the data available with The New Indian Express, of those infected, 323 are from the city. They include 170 city civil and city armed reserve (CAR), 26 from Karnataka Police Academy, 96 from Karnataka State Reserve Police, 6 railway police etc. While 223 have been discharged, others are under treatment.

And the remaining 147 are police personnel belonging to various police stations in the district who have contracted the virus. Four cops, including one from the forest cell, have succumbed to the virus in the district.

Not just the ground level and field staff, but even top cops including City Police Commissioner Dr Chandragupta and Mysuru Superintendent of Police C B

Rishyanth were infected with the virus. They were on the frontline helping people amidst the Covid-19 scare.

On the brighter side, the recovery rate has been high. Shivakumar R, Additional Superintendent of Police, said that most of the recovered police personnel are back on duty "They are upbeat and want to serve people even better. We have also taken all preventive measures and are strictly adhering to the guidelines to prevent the spread of the virus," he said.

"We have lost our four brave officers in this fight. To avoid such cases in the future, we have informed all officers above the age of 50 to undergo frequent medical tests. We are also restricting home isolation to those at risk," he said.

The men in Khaki are not just back on duty but are also setting an example by voluntarily coming forward to donate their blood plasma to help others recover.

Air ambulance service for emergencies

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

NOW, Covid-19 patients and other patients will no longer need to travel by road for medical emergencies. Bengaluru's Jakkur aerodrome will be the first air base in South India with air ambulance services, which will commence in September.

The helicopter and aircraft ambulance service will pick and drop patients even from the remote villages to swanky urban sprawls in quick time. They will have a doctor, a paramedical officer, a nurse and two pilots. The service is being launched by Icatt Kyathi Air Ambulance.

Fahim Hussain, Marketing Head of Icatt, told *TNIE* that the Chief Minister had given his nod to launch the services from Bengaluru. "So far we have been operating from other cities like Delhi and Mumbai. With the launch base in Bengaluru, catering to patients will be faster and economical also.

From September, we are starting this service — India's first isolation pod for safe transportation of Covid-19 patients and land ambulance fitted with German Isolation Pod," he said. He added that they had got the approval of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation.

Hussain explained that there are already seven to eight air ambulances where the charted craft is converted into a makeshift ambulance. The helicopters can land in remote villages and building rooftops, while the aircraft can land even on small air strips.

The doctors and paramedics have undergone the Aeromedical Retrieval Training Programme, created for flying doctors, he said.

UNLOCKING K'TAKA

The state government on Monday issued orders for Unlock 4 in line with the Union Home Ministry's guidelines. With eyes set on resuming economic activity, all activities except schools and colleges, swimming pools, theatres, cinema halls and international air travel, have been allowed. All the above are applicable only outside containment zones.



EDUCATION

Schools, colleges and educational institutions will remain shut, but post September 21, 50 per cent teaching and non-teaching staff are allowed to visit institutes to hold online classes and related works. While education can continue to be imparted online, students of Classes 9-12 may visit their schools to seek guidance and assistance from their faculty on a voluntary basis, with written consent from parents or guardians, from September 21. PhD scholars and list graduate students who need laboratory or experimental work, will also be allowed to go to college after consultations with the Union Home Ministry, depending on the Covid-19 situation.



RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTES

Skill or entrepreneurship training will be permitted in National Skill Training Institutes, Industrial Training Institutes, short-term training centres registered with National Skill Development Corporation or State Skill Development Missions or other ministries of the central or state governments. National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development, Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship will also be open from September 21.



TRANSPORT

Metro train services have been allowed to resume in a phased manner starting September 7, in consultation with the Union government and the BMRL. However, international air travel will remain prohibited. There will be no restriction on interstate and intrastate movement of people, and special permissions will not be required anymore.



SOCIAL GATHERINGS

Religious, social, educational, political gatherings with a cap of 100 persons will be allowed from September 21 with social distancing norms. "Marriage-related gatherings with number of guests not exceeding 50 and funeral-related gatherings with numbers not exceeding 20 will continue till September 20, after which a ceiling of 100 persons will apply.



With pubs opening today, staffers sanitise every inch of a brewery in Bengaluru on Monday | MEGHANA SASTRY

ENTERTAINMENT
Theatres, cinema halls, entertainment parks, swimming pools, etc, will remain closed, but open-air theatres will be allowed starting September 21

Bagalkot man first in district to recover using plasma therapy

MAHESH M GOUDAR @Bagalkot

THE first person in Bagalkot district to recover from Covid-19 after undergoing plasma therapy is likely to be discharged from hospital in a few days.

The patient was treated at S Nijalingappa Medical College and Hanagal Shree Kumareswar Hospital and Research Centre (SNMC and HSK), the only other institution apart from Karnataka Institute of Medical Science (KIMS) Hubballi to successfully conduct plasma therapy in North Karnataka.

Professor Dr Shreeram A Kora, head of the department of medicine at SNMC and HSK Hospital and Research Centre, told The New Indian Express, "Clinical trials were started after obtaining approval from the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI). The first successful plasma treatment has been conducted on a 47-year-old male patient, who was se-



A health worker sorts out swab samples while conducting Covid tests, on Monday | UDAYSANKAR S

verely ill, on August 17. When he was admitted, he was being treated in the ICU. After plasma therapy was administered, he began to respond and recovered completely. He will be discharged in a few days."

Dr Kora said that convalescent plasma obtained from recovered Covid patients, who meet donor criteria, contains

antibodies which can fight the disease. "These passively transfused antibodies help in fighting the virus until the patient develops immunity," he said.

The first instance of plasma therapy in the district was that of a sexagenarian. The patient initially showed signs of recovery, but succumbed to other illnesses, Dr Kora said.

District Health Officer Dr Ananth Desai said that after Dharwad, Bagalkot was the second district to succeed in plasma therapy treatment in North Karnataka. "The successful trial has come as a big relief to us. We can conduct more trials on severely ill patients by coordinating with private hospitals. We are also creating awareness among recovered patients to donate plasma," Desai said.

BVV Sangha Chairman and MLA Veeranna Charantimath congratulated the doctors, and urged recovered Covid patients to donate plasma.

We aim to have an AIIMS in the state soon: Union Health Minister

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A DAY will come soon when we shall have an AIIMS in Karnataka also, said Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan on Monday.

Speaking at a virtual inauguration of the super speciality trauma block at Vijayanagara Institute of Medical Sciences in Ballari, he said that the Centre's finance department was

actively considering having an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Karnataka.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa said at the event, "I have written a letter to you to consider taking over and converting the ESI hospital in Kalaburagi to an AIIMS-like institute. Kalaburagi is a backward district. Upgrading the hospital to an AIIMS-like institute will help people of this re-

gion. Please help us in this."

The two of them along with state Minister for Medical Education Dr K Sudhakar inaugurated the super speciality trauma unit under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana.



Kalaburagi is a backward district. Upgrading the ESI hospital in the district to an AIIMS-like institute will help the people of this region

B S Yediyurappa, Chief Minister

Yediyurappa said that it was done in collaboration with the Centre, at a cost of Rs 150 crore. It has 72 ICU beds, emergency unit, 200 beds, 20 ventilators and all the advanced medical equipment and departments like neurosurgery, plastic sur-

gery, orthopaedics, radiology and anaesthesia.

Sudhakar said the trauma care centre will benefit the people of Hyderabad-Karnataka region.

"Every year, over 4.7 lakh people in the state lose their lives in road accidents due to lack of immediate medical assistance. The lives of people in road accidents can be saved within the golden hour (one hour within the accident). Ear-

lier, road accident cases had to be rushed to Bengaluru. Now, people in the district and neighbouring districts in the state can avail the medical treatment at the trauma centre," Sudhakar said.

Vardhan appreciated the CM and his cabinet for putting their best foot forward in the fight against Covid-19 and said that Karnataka had done a remarkably good job. "There are many good

practices which have been used to fight Covid-19 which are worth replicating by others and I have quoted them in a number of meetings with other state health ministers also," he said.

He said that in continuation with the Centre's plan to have more medical colleges, MBBS and PG seats, new medical colleges will be set up in Chikkamagaluru, Haveri, Yadgir and Chikkaballapur.

Indrajit grilled, says he revealed 10-15 names

Summoned by CCB after his comments about drug abuse in Kannada film industry, was questioned for over 5 hours

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FILM director and journalist Indrajit Lankesh, who recently made explosive comments about drug abuse in the Kannada film industry, has given names of 10-15 actors to the police.

Lankesh, who was summoned by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) officials to appear before them and share the information he had, was grilled for more than five hours on Monday. A team of officers of the Anti-Narcotics Wing of the CCB gathered information from Lankesh about the alleged nexus of some film personalities with drug dealers. The entire proceeding was reportedly video recorded.

Speaking to reporters later, Lankesh, also a film producer, said that he had shared all the information with the police. "Though the police had some clues about Kannada film actors who are involved in drug abuse, they were shocked when I revealed the names of some artistes along with evidence. I have given names of 10-15 actors along with proof. I believe the police will investigate their involvement and reveal their names shortly," he said.

Lankesh has submitted photographs and videos related to some actors and it is said one video reveals a well-known actress misbehaving at a party under the influence of drugs.

Besides information related to substance abuse and links of film actors with drug peddlers, it is also learnt that the director has shared information about some actresses being allegedly involved in honey-trapping and also into prostitution.

Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sandeep Patil said that the police will investigate the information provided by Lankesh and take appropriate legal action. "We appreciate that he came forward to give whatever information he has. We request others also to share any information and support us in our fight against drugs," Patil added.

Sources said that the names revealed by Lankesh included some of the top actors of Sandalwood. "We are gathering more details about their involvement. If it is established that they are into drug abuse or having nexus with drug dealers, legal action will be initiated," an official said.



Film director Indrajit Lankesh arrives at the CCB office on Monday | SHRIRAM BN

WITH GOVT ON COMBATING DRUGS: ARSHAD

Mysuru: Congress MLA Rizwan Arshad on Monday agreed that there is rampant peddling and abuse of drugs in Bengaluru. Arshad said that he had personally complained about the drug racket to the Bengaluru police commissioner. "We have extended our full support to the government. It needs to be checked effectively and should be curbed in the interest of youngsters and the student community," he said.

Drug money used to destabilise JDS-Cong govt, says HDK

Bengaluru: Janata Dal (Secular) leader H D Kumaraswamy on Monday said that the JDS-Congress coalition government, he headed, had tried to take action against drug peddlers in the state, and some of them had escaped to Sri Lanka. Speaking to mediapersons in Tumakuru on Monday, the former CM alleged that it was one of the reasons for the coalition government's fall as "money from illegal activities was used to destabilise" his government. "When I was the CM, I tried to put an end to the drug mafia, and some people escaped to Sri Lanka at that time," he claimed. "It is unfortunate that young people are falling prey to drugs. The state government should not have any mercy even if these offenders are from influential families. The government should take action against them," he said.

HC waives rule to speed up cases

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IN a move that could help over 7,000 litigants and advocates, the Karnataka High Court on Monday waived off objections raised by the Registry before posting cases for hearing.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi passed an order waiving off objections for the time being as around 7,000 cases are yet to be posted before the bench as office objections that have not been rectified.

The bench noted that the functioning of the court improved in June-July after Covid-measures such as e-filing of

cases and later physical filing were permitted. However, as cases piled up, the bench noted that restoring normal functioning of the court in the near future would be difficult.

Except for essential objections including non-payment or insufficient payment of court fee, bar of limitation, maintainability of proceedings, failure to enclose order / circular / notification, failure to submit second set of petitions before a division bench, not furnishing a petition copy to the government advocate and getting endorsement from the office state public prosecutor in filing of criminal petitions, other objections have been waived.

Physical hearing of cases already permitted: HC

High Court Registrar Rajendra Badamkar on Monday released the details of cases filed — through both e-filing and physical format, and heard and disposed — from August 1 to 28, 2020, to clarify the misunderstanding of some members of the Bar that there is no provision for physical hearing of cases in district and trial courts. The Registrar said the SOPs notified from time to time for district judiciary clearly disclose that physical hearing is permitted in all district and trial courts as far as oral submissions are concerned. "Only in case of recording of evidence, video conference is mandatory," he said.

HC pulls up advocate for unauthorised entry into video-conference

The High Court on Monday took serious exception to the conduct of an advocate for joining a video conference hearing unauthorised. When a division bench was about to rise after concluding hearing matters, an advocate, through video conference, mentioned a matter to be taken up for hearing, citing urgency. She disclosed that she took the online link from another advocate and joined the video conference. The bench then told the advocate that she had taken the link unauthorised. "If members of the Bar behave like this, we can't help it," it orally observed. Meanwhile, the advocate disclosed the name of the person from whom she had taken the link and apologised.

HC declines to restrain state from inducting 3 MLCs in BSY cabinet

The HC on Monday declined to restrain the state government and the Governor from accommodating three MLCs — R Shankar, A H Vishwanath and M T B Nagaraj — into the cabinet. In a PIL, A S Harish, member of the governing council of Advocates' Association of Bangalore, contended that the state government and governor should not accommodate the MLCs unless they fulfil the conditions laid down by the Supreme Court. A division bench ordered notice to the state, including the chief minister, Governor and other respondents, observing that the constitutional functionaries will take note of the apex court order.



Cops open fire at two chain-snatchers

Bengaluru: Two bike-borne men snatched a gold chain from a senior citizen near ISKCON temple on Monday. Police said the woman, a resident of Mahalaxmi Layout, raised an alarm. A passing autorickshaw driver informed the police and patrolling officers rushed to the spot. Officers from Rajajinagar and Sirampura police stations chased the duo. Police put barricades on their way and the bikers lost control and crashed into a vacant land, an officer said. Policemen opened fire when the chain snatchers tried to attack them with knife. They shot the two in their legs and took them to a hospital. Injured policemen Dayal Kumar and Jagadish were shifted to a private hospital after they sustained injuries on their hands. The accused are Subhash (31) from Punjab and Sanjay (30) from Uttar Pradesh. They were accused in a few robbery cases, police added.

Three arrested for assaulting traffic policeman

Bengaluru: Three people, including a minor, were arrested by the Vijayanagar police after they allegedly attacked a traffic policeman on Sunday evening. One of the accused was found in possession of ganja during the investigation. The accused have been identified as Ahmed Kureshi (20), a resident of Goripalya, and Syed Sadiq Ahmed (22) of Padarayanapura. Police said the trio was riding triple on a two-wheeler without wearing helmets. At Vijayanagar TMMC Junction, MC Vidyadhar, a constable attached to Vijayanagar traffic police station, took a picture of the vehicle to send traffic rule violation notice. Angered by this, the trio attacked the policeman and allegedly assaulted him. The public came to the rescue and caught the three youths. They took the injured policeman to a nearby hospital and alerted the police about the incident. "The Vijayanagar Law & Order police rushed to the spot and took the three into custody. One of them was found in possession of a ganja packet and it has been seized. Their houses have been searched to know whether they had stocked more ganja or any other narcotic substances," the police said.



Government of Jharkhand Jharkhand Rural Health Mission Society Department of Health, Medical Education & Family Welfare Namkum, Ranchi

Very Short Tender e-Procurement Notice under COVID-19

Tender Notice No.:SRCH/NAM/186/2020 Date:31.08.2020

Mission Director, Jharkhand Rural Health Mission Society, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Jharkhand, Namkum, Ranchi, invites e-Tender from eligible bidders for supply of two Plasmapheresis machines.

Blank tender documents with detailed conditions can be viewed or downloaded by the bidders from the website: <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> and bid should be submitted through e-procurement system only. Hard copies of technical bid and financial bid will not be entertained except Tender Fee & Earnest Money Deposit (EMD).

Evaluation and finalization of award of work will be based solely on e-bid submitted by the bidder. It will be sole responsibility of the bidder to scan and upload clear and legible documents for assessment, failing which the tender will be liable for rejection.

Sr. No.	Particulars	Details
1	Name of the work	Supply of two Plasmapheresis machines
2	Date of Publication of Tender on website	01.09.2020
3	Date / time for receipt of bids on website	Upto 08.09.2020 by 3.00 p.m.
4	Date/Time for opening of Technical bid through website	09.09.2020 at 11.00 A.M.
5	Email ID/Contact Person for clarifications	jharkhandcovid@gmail.com Procurement 9470355626
6	Tender Document Fee (Non-refundable)	Rs. 5,000/- (Rs. Five thousand only)
7	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	50,000/-

Note: The specified dates and time may change due to abrupt declaration of holidays or any other unforeseen circumstances. The same shall be informed through web-portal as and when required.

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This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that, my client M/s Vinpla Planting Pvt. Ltd. Represented by its Directors M. K. Mahesh and K. Praneeth Rao, Office at No. 4, 2nd Main, Vasudara Compound, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Bommanahalli, Bangalore, is the absolute owner of the below mentioned Schedule Property and he has lost the original mother sale deed dt. 04.12.1986 Registered as Document No. 5106/1986-87 executed by A. Mohan and others in favor of Aysha and my client had purchased under the said deed dt. 03.12.2005 above mentioned Schedule Property and same was lost original mother deed while shifting house.

SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site No. 49/7-4 situated at Bommanahalli in Ward No. 12, Bommanahalli City Municipal Council area, Bangalore and measuring East-West 104 feet and North-South 40 feet and bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Private Property, North by: Property No. 05, South by: Property No. 03. My client has registered a police complaint at Crime Branch Bangalore City Police, in Lost Report No. 103877/2020, on 28.08.2020 to that effect. Hence, the general public are hereby informed that if any one finds the original document of the above stated property, they may be returned to the undersigned or to my client within 07 days, which suitably rewarded.

BHOJARAJA, BHAGEERATHI, Advocates
Office at No. 14, 2nd Cross, C P Etn, RMV 2nd Stage, 1 G Halli, Devi Nagar, Bangalore - 560094.
Dated: 31.08.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified that my clients propose to develop the Schedule Property belonging to Mr. N. Manjesh Kumar S/o Late. C. Narasimhaiah, resident of Kembathalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Guttigere Post, Bangalore South Taluk. Any person or persons having any claim/s on the Schedule Property or objections for the proposed development may lodge their claims/objections with documentary proof with the undersigned within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which thereafter my clients shall proceed to take up the developmental work on the Schedule Property and claims / objections received beyond the stipulated period will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of residential immovable property bearing Corporation Khata No. 156/64/7 (formerly being the residentially converted land bearing Survey No. 64/7, (Old Survey B.No.64/3) of Kembathalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring 0-10 Guntas converted vide Official Memorandum dt. 27-01-2014, NO. ALN/SU/ SR/148/2012-13, Situated at Kembathalli Main Road to Anjanapur and Pillaganahalli Main Road, Kembathalli, Bangalore within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of Ward No.196, Anjanapura Zone, Bangalore and including all rights privileges and appurtenances there to. And bounded as follows

East by: Presently Road and Private Property (Property bearing No.64/3) **West by:** Private Property (Property) bearing Sy.No.64/1) **North by:** Road and Private Property (formerly being Road and Property Bearing Sy.No.64/3) **South by:** Private Property (formerly bearing Sy.No.64/8)

Mr. N. JAIPRAKASH RAO
Mrs. VEENA RAO
McNASHOK KUMAR
JAYPTEE ASSOCIATES
LAW FIRM 38 "KRISHNA",
1 Cross, Malleshwaram
Bengaluru-560003.Ph -23560365



Door No.51,(FF) Above Hotel Namura Upachara, 1st A-Cross, LIC Model Colony, 3rd Stage, 4th Block Opposite Axis Bank Ltd, West of Corrd Road, Basaveshwara Nagar - 560079.

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice u/s. 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. The following Borrower availed the below mentioned loans from Repco Home Finance Ltd. Basaveshwara Nagar Branch. The loans of below mentioned borrower (Column No.3) have been secured by the mortgage of properties mentioned in (Column No.5). As they have failed to adhere to the terms & conditions of the loan agreement and as the loan become irregular, the loans were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to Repco Home Finance Ltd - Basaveshwara Nagar Branch are mentioned in (Column No.4). This amount with further interest & costs on the said amount shall also be payable as applicable and the same will be charged with effect from their respective dates.

1	2	3	4	5
No. Branch	Borrowers & Guarantors	Outstanding as per 13(2) Notice		Details of secured Assets
1	Mr. H.R. Anand Kumar Achar - Borrower S/o, H.B. Rudrachar, D.No. 106, DS Max Status, Avalahalli Village, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560 064 Mrs. E. Manjula - Co-Borrower W/o, H.R. Anand Kumar Achar, D.No. 106, DS Max Status, Avalahalli Village, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560 064 Mr. N. Janakiraman - Guarantor S/o, R. Narayan, D.No. 4, 8th Main, Brundavana Nagar, Mathikere, Bangalore - 560 054	₹ 14,23,696/- from 10-02-2020 + interest & Cost		All that piece and parcel of the immovable Residential Property Flat bearing No. 106, in the 1st Floor, in the Residential Complex known as "DS-MAX STATUS" with built up area of 1050 Sq.ft., constructed on Vacant Sites bearing No. 19, measuring 2,200 Sq.ft., Site No. 20, measuring 2,200 Sq.ft., Sites No. 29, measuring 2320 Sq.ft., Site No. 30 measuring 2320 Sq.ft., and sites formed out of 18 Guntas of Katha No. 316/334, carved out of converted Sy. No. 58/1, all properties situated at Avalahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, together with 218 Sq.ft. of undivided share right and title in the total property and one car parking slot bearing No. 106, total property measuring 9,040 Sq.ft. Total Property Bounded on the: East by: Site No. 18 & 31 West by: Site No. 21 & 28 North by: 30 feet wide Road South by: Road

For the reasons stated above, we hereby call upon you to discharge in full your liabilities to us within a period of 60 days from the date of publishing of this notice failing which we will be exercising the powers under Section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 against the secured assets mentioned above. The powers available to us under Section 13 of the Act inter-alia includes (i) Power to take possession of the secured assets of the borrower including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment of sale for realising secured asset, (ii) Take over the management of the secured asset including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale and realise the secured asset, and any transfer of secured asset by us shall vest in the transferee all rights, or in relation to the secured asset transferred as if the transfer had been made by you. We draw your attention to Sec 13 (b) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset. (38-1)
Place: Basaveshwara Nagar
Date: 25-02-2020
(SARFAESI ACT 2002), REPCO HOME FINANCE LTD. Authorised Officer



No.: HF/W/84/ARK/2019-20 Date: 31.08.2020
WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR STATISTICAL ASSISTANT POST UNDER

AYUSHMAN BHARAT - AROGYA KARNATAKA SCHEME

Commissionerate of Health & Family Welfare Services, Karnataka invites eligible candidates for a walk-in interview for the post of Statistical Assistant under the Ayushman Bharat - Arogya Karnataka Scheme. The post is temporary, purely on contract basis for period of one year & extendable on satisfactory performance. Eligible candidates can walk in with their updated application with original documents and one set of photo copies. The document verification for the position will happen on **08.09.2020 from 03.00 pm to 05.00 pm**. Only eligible candidates will be allowed to attend the interview. Interview for this post is scheduled on **08.09.2020 at 5.00 pm onwards**.

Venue: Chamber of Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare Services, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore. For further details please visit Department website <http://karunadu.karnataka.gov.in/hfw>

Sd/- Commissioner
DIPR/DDU/YC/961/2020-21 Health and Family Welfare Services



NOTICE

- Approval under regulation-86 of CERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations/1999 and CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations/2019 i) Truing up of Transmission tariff for 2014-19 tariff block and ii) Determination of Transmission tariff for 2019-24 tariff block for Transmission asset-1X500 MVA 400/220 kV ICTs along with associated bays at Tumkur (Pavagada) S/s under "Transmission system for Ultra Mega Solar Power Park at Tumkur (Pavagada), Karnataka - Phase II (Part A)."
- The beneficiaries of the above mentioned Transmission system are: (a) KPTCL (b) APTRANSCO (c) KSEB (d) TNEB (e) Electricity Dept. of Goa (f) Electricity Dept. of Puducherry (g) APEDCL (h) APSPDCL (i) APCPDCL (j) APNPDCL (k) BESCOM (l) GESCOM (m) HESCOM (n) MESCOM (o) Chamundeswari Electricity Supply Corporation Ltd. (p) Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited (q) TANGEDCO (r) TNTC (s) KSPDCL

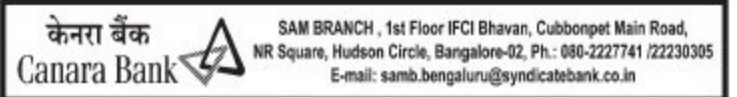
Project	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Asset-1					
AFC approved	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.38
Revised AFC based on truing up	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.42

Project	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Asset-1					
AFC	665.19	715.48	720.51	718.67	720.07

- A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of the applicant at www.powergridindia.com.
- The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3rd & 4th floor, Chandralok Building, Janpath, New Delhi - 110 001 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the applicant at the address of its corporate office within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place: Gurgaon Date : 28.08.2020 Sd/- Dy. General Manager (Commercial)

POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED
(A Government of India Enterprise)
Corp. Office: "Saudamini", Plot No. 2, Sector-29, Gurgaon-122001, (Haryana), Tel.-0124-2571700-719
Reg. Office: B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi-110016, Tel.-011-26560112, 26560121
www.powergridindia.com, CIN: L40101DL1989G0308121
A Maharatna PSU



SAM BRANCH, 1st Floor IFCI Bhavan, Cubbonpet Main Road, NR Square, Hudson Circle, Bangalore-02, Ph.-08-2227741/22230305
E-mail: samb.bangalore@syndicatebank.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas: The Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank, earlier Syndicate Bank, SAM Branch Bangalore**, under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (here in after referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a **Demand Notice dated 21.03.2020** calling upon the **Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor** to repay the amount mentioned within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice: 1) **Miss Kavya Patil** i) Survey No.16, 303/1 & 303/2, Dhanagoor Village, Kasaba Hobli, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya-571475 ii) Flat No. 702, Donata Marvel Apartment, 21 Sundar Nagar, Gokula Extension, Bangalore-560054 iii) Door No. 629, 5th Cross Road, 7th Main Road, Hosahalli Extension, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040 iv) E 301, Renaissance Park, 1st Main Road, Subramanyanagar, Bangalore-560055 2) **Master Deepit Patil** i) Survey No.16, 303/1 & 303/2, Dhanagoor Village, Kasaba Hobli, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya-571475 ii) Flat No. 702, Donata Marvel Apartment, 21 Sundar Nagar, Gokula Extension, Bangalore-560054 iii) Door No. 629, 5th Cross Road, 7th Main Road, Hosahalli Extension, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040. iv) E 301, Renaissance Park, 1st Main Road, Subramanyanagar, Bangalore-560055 3) **Mr. Shivannagouda T Patil** i) Survey No.16, 303/1 & 303/2, Dhanagoor Village, Kasaba Hobli, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya-571475 ii) Flat No. 702, Donata Marvel Apartment, 21 Sundar Nagar, Gokula Extension, Bangalore-560054 iii) Door No. 629, 5th Cross Road, 7th Main Road, Hosahalli Extension, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040. iv) E 301, Renaissance Park, 1st Main Road, Subramanyanagar, Bangalore-560055. **Guarantors/Mortgagor:** 1) **Mr. Siddharth Sonnad** i) Flat No. 702, Donata Marvel Apartment, No. 21 Sundar Nagar, Gokula Extension, Bangalore-560054 ii) No.3 Second Floor, MSR West Park, Church Street, Brigade Road, Above HDFC Bank, Bangalore-560001. 2) **Mr. R T Kulkarni** 115/4, 4th Main malleshwaram, Between 9th & 10th Cross, Near B P Indian School, Bangalore-560003.

Details of the individual accounts and liability of the respective borrowers and guarantors to repay the amount has been specifically mentioned as under: (Amount in Rs.)

Sl. No.	Account No.	Name of the Borrower	Name of the Guarantor	Amount Outstanding as on 30.06.2020
1	04488320000020	Ms Kavya Patil Master Deepit Patil Mr. Shivannagouda T Patil	Mr Siddharth Sonnad	2,06,17,356.43
2	04488320000031	Ms Kavya Patil Master Deepit Patil Mr. Shivannagouda T Patil	Mr Siddharth Sonnad	1,49,72,219.20
3	04488320000049	Ms Kavya Patil Master Deepit Patil Mr. Shivannagouda T Patil	Mr Siddharth Sonnad	2,57,48,028.21
4	04248320000034	Ms Kavya Patil	Mr. Shivannagouda T Patil Master Deepit Patil	1,15,99,391.76
5	04248320000042	Master Deepit Patil	Ms Kavya Patil Mr. Shivannagouda T Patil Mr. R.T. Kulkarni	1,15,13,415.28
Total				8,44,50,410.88

The whole amount has become payable by the borrowers/respective guarantors. Hence a total sum of **Rs.8,44,50,410.88/-** (Rupees Eight Crore Forty Four Lakhs Fifty Thousand Four Hundred Ten and Eighty Eight Paise only) is due as on **30.06.2020** along with interest from **01.07.2020** and costs etc.

The Borrowers/Guarantor/Mortgagor of the property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Guarantor/Mortgagor of the property and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **29th day of August of the year 2020**.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor of the property in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank earlier Syndicate Bank, SAM Branch, Bangalore**, for an amount of **Rs.8,44,50,410.88/-** (Rupees Eight Crore Forty Four Lakhs Fifty Thousand Four Hundred Ten and Eighty Eight Paise only) is due as on **30.06.2020** along with interest from **01.07.2020** and costs etc.

Description of the Property: All that part and parcel of Residential property bearing No. 629, 5th Cross Road, 7th Main Road, Hosahalli Extension, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040 measuring East to West 35 feet & North to South 51 Feet. Bounded on: East: Site No. 628, West: Site No. 630, North: Site 642, South: 7th Main Road.

Date : 29.08.2020 Sd/-Authorized Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby informed that my clients **Smt. Sanathayamma** W/o Late P. Pappanna and **Sri. T. N. Ramesh** S/o Late Vignashah both are R/at Flat No.C001, Marini Green House, Sarinje Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore 03, presently R/at No.1945, 27th Cross, 39th Main, Chanakya Road, Poorna Chandra Layout, 'D' Group layout, Sriganada Kavali, Vishwanadham Post, Bangalore 091 are the absolute owners of the schedule properties, they have thereby informed to the public that the owners already cancelled the Notarized GPA dated 24.05.2011 executed in favor of B. S. Ravishankar S/o Sri. Shankarama, aged about 37 years, R/at Hanumanappa, Vajarahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramnagar Taluk and District by issuing the cancellation notice dated 31.10.2018 and also paper publication dated 01.11.2018, hence the general public not to deal/proceed further with B. S. Ravishankar in respect of schedule properties and if anybody transacted with the said Ravishankar in respect of schedule properties, those deeds are all void and no value in the eye of law.

SCHEDULE: 1. All the piece and parcel of the site bearing **Assessment No.67/1 property in Katha No.57/1 measuring 181-0X36-0 feet** situated at Heehalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently comes under **BBMP limits** bounded on East: Road, West: Property of Mahadeviiah, North: Raja Calve, South: Remaining property in same number. 2. All the piece and parcel of the site bearing **Assessment No.67/1 property in Katha No.67/1 measuring 181-0X36-0 feet** situated at Heehalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently comes under **BBMP limits** bounded on East: Road, West: Property of Mahadeviiah, North: Remaining property in same number, South: Property of Gandhanar. 3. All the piece and parcel of the site bearing property **Katha No.221, Assessment No.67/1 measuring 99-0X33-0 feet** situated at Heehalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently comes under **BBMP limits** bounded on East: Road, West: Private Property, North: Remaining Property in same number, South: Property of Narsimhaiah.

GANDHI LAW CHAMBERS,
M. N. RAMESHA, Advocate, No.201,
1st Floor, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bangalore 02.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby put to notice that my client intend to jointly develop and enter into Joint Development Agreement with respect to Schedule Property from its owner **Smt. Gowramma** W/o Late. Nagappa and **Sri. VasanthKumar** S/o Late. Nagappa, Both residing at No.18, Adesonatti Village, Kasaba Circle, Madivala, Marasur, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562106.

Any person having any manner of claim, right, title and interest over the Schedule Property are hereby notify to register their claim with copies of documents with undersigned within 15 days from this Public Notice. If no objections or claims registered, my client shall proceed and complete the transaction. Any claims received beyond 15 days will not be considered.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Sy.No.32/2, measuring 1 Acre, situated at Madivala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk and bounded on:

East by: Land belonging to Muniraj, West by: Road and Sy.No.32/4, North by: Land belonging to Nagaraj and Sy.No.32/4, South by: Road.

Smt. H.R. UMADEVI, Advocate
at No.399, 42nd Cross, 9th Main,
5th Block, Jayanagar,
Bangalore-560 041. Ph. 9844170740

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the property described in the schedule. From its owner **SRI. B.M. GOPAL REDDY** S/o. SRI. MUNIYAPPA REDDY, AGED ABOUT 74 YEARS, R/AT, NO.622 AND 623, 26th CROSS, 9th MAIN, 7th SECTOR, HSR LAYOUT, BANGALORE-102.

Any person/s or any organization or Financial Institute, Asserting any rights, claim or charge in the schedule property, having any claim against the property/its owner/s to such sale in favour of my client should write to the undersigned within 7 DAYS from this public Notice. With all documentary proofs on which they are basing and assert their rights over the property there of after which period my clients shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to property.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PORTION OF THE PROPERTY BEARING SITE NO.622, MUNICIPAL NO.427/622, KATHA NO.427/622 AND SITE NO. 623, MUNICIPAL NO.427/623, KATHA NO.427/623, PRESENT BBMP NO.427/623, SITUATED AT 26th CROSS, 9th MAIN, 7th SECTOR HSR LAYOUT, BANGALORE-102. BBMP WARD NO.174. BANGALORE MEASURING, EAST TO WEST : 12.18 METERS [40 feet], NORTH TO SOUTH : 9.14 METERS [30 feet], TOTALLY MEASURING 111.32 SQUARE METERS. BOUNDED ON:- EAST BY : SITE NO.621, WEST BY : SITE NO.624, NORTH BY : ROAD, SOUTH BY : PRIVATE PROPERTY. **S. RASHEED SAB** ADVOCATE, No.31, 6th Cross, Balajinagar, DRC Post, Bangalore-29. Mobile : 09448569509, 9740893190. Dated : 29.8.2020, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my Client **SRI. SHAHABUDDIN**, S/o Sri. Darsi Khan, aged about 32 years, Shop No.44 & 45, Ground Floor, Silvana Complex, Avalahalli Village, S.N.Halli Post, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064, is the sole and absolute owner of the immovable residential property bearing **Site No.76, in Old Assessment No.76, New No.784, situated at Kolar Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk**, presently comes under the limits of Chunchanakuppe Village Panchayat, measuring East to West: 20.0 Feet and North to South: 30.0 Feet, totally measuring 600 Square Feet and bounded on East by: Site No.75, West by: Site No.77, North by: Private Property, and South by: Road, having acquired from his previous Owner **Smt.H.R.LATHA**, by virtue of **Absolute Sale Deed**, registered vide document **No.KEN-1-10947-2013-14, stored in CD No.KEND556, dated: 23-01-2014**, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar (Kengeri) Bangalore. The above Absolute Sale Deed dated: 23-01-2014 pertaining to the above said property is **lost/misplaced** while taking Xerox copies in Vijayanagar Xerox Centre on 25-08-2020 and the same is not traceable. My client has lodged the complaint to the Vijayanagar Police Station, Lost Report No.196903200, dated: 31-08-2020. Notice is hereby given for the information of the general public if any person/s holding the said Original Absolute Sale Deed pertaining to the above property shall return the said to the undersigned or to my clients within 10 days from the date of publication of this Notice and if the Original Sale Deed is not retrieved, my client shall afford on the Certified Copy of the Sale Deed which shall be treated as Original. No person or persons have any manner of right or interest to hold the Original Sale Deed.

UMASHANKAR.N.B Com., L.L.B., Advocate
AKASH ASSOCIATES
No. 550, 7th Main, Vijayanagar,
BANGALORE-560 040. Mob: 9731276242
Place : Bangalore Date : 31-08-2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that my clients **Mr. K.M Ravi** and **Mr. Kishore P** have entered into a sale agreement with **Mrs. Shilpa**, N, vide document No. BNGU/JN/R/277/2019-20 dt. 27-06-2019 for purchase of schedule property as detailed below: All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing **BDA Vacant Site No.686**, situated at 3rd Block, Sir M.Visveshwaraya Layout, Bangalore, measuring **East to West : 12.00 Meters and North to South : 9.00 Meters** in all measuring **108.00 square feet**, bounded on **East by :** Site No.676 & 675, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No.686/A, **South by :** Site No.685.

Initially, BDA allotted the site in favour of Helen Pamela Lazarus, under the allotment letter bearing No.BDA/DS-3/686/BK-3/SMVL/2003-04, dt. 16-04-2003, thereafter the BDA represented by its Dy. Secretary has conveyed the schedule property in favour of Helen Pamela Lazarus, Document No. BDA-1-11496-2003-04. Subsequently the above said Helen Pamela Lazarus represented by GPA holder Sri Erappa, sold the property to Mrs. Shilpa. N vide document No.BGR-1-00784-2019-20, dt. 13-5-2019.

Anybody having objection or having any claims, GPA, may submit such objections within 10 days hereof, along with the copies of all the documents being relied upon failing with my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property regardless of any such claims or objections.

H.B. GOPAL, Advocates
No.49/1 Subbaranga Chetty Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004
Mob. : 9860907555

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Prakash S/o M. Nanjappa, R/at Thindlu Village, Yelahank Hobli and Taluk, I had lost the Sale Deed dated 31/05/1971 registered as Document No.799/71-72, I lodge a complaint in this aspect. Accordingly, I intended to lodge a complaint in the Bengaluru City Police, vide Lost Report bearing No. 1 0 5 4 8 2 / 2 0 2 0 , Dated : 31.08.2020. If anybody found the said the original Document please handover to the above said Address. Contact: 9900007938.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the General Public that, my client **LT. Col. PRASHANT APPAJI**, S/o, Sri. Shanthappa Appaji, Aged about 41 years, Residing at Vageshwar, 111 Cross, AFMC Road, Ranebennur, Taluk Ranebennur, Dist.Haveri-581 115, has lost the following Original Documents on 30-12-2019 near Yelahanka at Bangalore. He has filed an Affidavit on 31-08-2020 and lodged a Police Complaint on 31-08-2020 with Crime Branch, Bengaluru City Police, in that behalf.

(i). Original Allotment letter dated: 20-09-2007 issued by Karnataka Housing Board, Bangalore.

(ii). Original Possession Certificate dated:31-03-2008 issued by Karnataka Housing Board, Bangalore.

(iii). Original Registered Sale deed dated:04-03-2008 executed by Karnataka Housing Board, Bangalore in favour of Captain Prashant Appaji and the document is registered as No.03231/2007-2008 stored in C.D.No.040807 of Book-1 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Channanpet, registered on 18-03-2008.

The above said original documents pertains to the property bearing Residential site No.345, MIG, KHB Colony, Mahadeswara Nagar 2nd Stage, Channanpet-II Phase, Channanpet Town, Channanpet Taluk, Ramnagar District, developed by Karnataka Housing Board, under 100 Housing Projects Scheme, measuring East to West 09.00 Meters and North to South 15.00 Meters in all measuring 135 Sq. Meters, and bounded on the East by Site No.346-MIG, West by: Site No.344-MIG, North by:37-7-669-Road, and South by Site No.352-MIG.

The General Public are hereby informed that if any person holding/trace out the above said Original documents, may inform to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this notice.

If any person/s or any bank or any financial institution having any charge, lien, right, title or interest over the above said property should inform to the undersigned with the relevant documentary evidence in person within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the title of the above said property will be presumed to be clear and marketable and my client will go further in respect of the said property.

Sd/- **Gopalakrishna R. Hegde, Advocate**
No.231, S.C.Road, Bengaluru-560009.
Bangalore Date: 31-08-2020

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF E-AUCTION SALE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

(In terms of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002) Whereas the Authorized Officer of the Bank has issued a Demand notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 and thereafter in exercise of powers under Section 13(12) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 has taken possession of properties mortgaged to Bank under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT 2002. The undersigned in the capacity of Authorized Officer has decided for sale of the following properties to public by E-auction and invite bids from the intending purchasers for purchase of immovable properties mentioned hereunder on "AS IS WHERE IS" & "AS IS WHAT IS" basis.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower's / Guarantor.	a) Date of Demand Notice b) Amount due as per notice c) Date of Possession d) Present outstanding dues.	a) Date & Time for Inspection of Property b) Last Date & Time of submission of EMD & documents. c) Date & Time of E-Auction	a) Reserve Price b) EMD Amount c) Bid Increase Amount
1	Borrower: 1. Mrs Rajeshwari Narayana & Kiran Kumar R Regd Office Resi Address Flat No.307, Shivanaga Dharani Heights, Block-A, PWD Road, Near SBI Bank, Akash Nagar, A Narayanapura, Bangalore - 560 016 Communication Address No.32, Srisatyani Layout, 2nd Cross, Nagappa Reddy Layout, B Narayanapura, Bangalore - 560 016	a) 11.7.2018 b) Rs. 40,88,849/- plus interest, expenses, charges etc., c) 27.9.2018 d) Rs. 41,89,583/- plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc	a) 9.9.2020 Between 10.00 am. to 5.00 pm b) On or before 11.9.2020 before 4.30 pm c) 16.9.2020 between 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm	a) Rs.63,41,000/- b) Rs.6,34,100/- c) Rs. 25,000/-

Description of the Property : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing House No.88, Khata No 57/1, 1ST Main Road, 3rd Cross Road, N M R Layout, Udayanagar, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore-560 016. Standing in the name of Mrs.N Rajeshwari, with total area of 960 sq ft (GF+FF+SF) L-12.982765 N, L-77.672645 E) and bounded on East by : 25 ft Road, West by : Site no 89, North by : Site no. 57, South by : 25 ft Road.

Branch : Bidarahalli, Ph.: 080-28471103 E-mail : bidara@ucobank.co.in;
A/C No.: 25390210000199 IFSC Code : UCBA0002539

2	Borrower: 1. Mr. Krishna N & Bhargavi R Site No 806, Shwetadri Channasandra Village, Indo American Seeds Road, Uttarahalli Kengeri Main Road, Dwarkanagar, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore 560098 Mortgagor: Mr.Krishna N	A) 10.2.2020 b) Rs.43,45,886/- plus interest, expenses, charges etc., c) 24.7.2020. d) Rs.43,44,645/- plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 9.9.2020 Between 10.00 am. to 5.00 pm b) On or before 11.9.2020 before 4.30 pm c) 16.9.2020 between 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm	a) Rs.68,45,000/- b) Rs.6,84,500 /- c) Rs.25,000/-
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Description of Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No-806, "Shwetadri", BBMP Khata No 441/441/806, old CMC Khata No.440/806, Sy no-19, Indo American Seeds Road, Uttarahalli-Kengeri Main Road, Dwarkanagar (Karmika Raitara HBSC Layout), Channasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore-560098. Standing in the name of Mr Krishna N Measuring 880 Sq Ft with 4 storey Building (GF+FF+SF+TF), (L-12.900874, L-77.520467) and bounded on East by : Site no 810, West by : Road, North by : Site No 806A, South by : Site No. 805.

Branch : Bannerghatta Ph.: 080 26683915/26683262 E-mail : banner@ucobank.co.in
A/C No.: 19841032220001 IFSC Code : UCBA0001984

3	Borrower: Mr.Chandrasekhar K & Mrs. K V Nisha. No.711/42, 7th Ward, M G Road, 2nd Cross, Chatada Beedi, Ramanagar - 562159.	a) 19.08.2019 b) Rs. 14,25,893/- plus interest, expenses, charges etc., c) 20.11.2019. d) Rs. 14,44,803/- plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 9.9.2020 Between 10.00 am. to 5.00 pm b) On or before 11.9.2020 before 4.30 pm c) 16.9.2020 between 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm	a) Rs.13,50,000/- b) Rs. 1,35,000/- c) Rs. 25,000/-
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Description of Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the residential vacant land bearing Site No-76, K No-83/76 Behind Jain Temple, Spoorthynagar, 2nd Stage, Vadarahalli Village, Horisabadra Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Ramnagar District-562117, Standing in the name of Mr K Chandrasekhar. Measuring 1200 Sq ft (Vacant Land) (N-12.739697, E-77.303515) and bounded on East by : Private Property West by : Road North by : Site No 75 South by : Site No-77.

Branch : Ramanagar Ph.:080-27272015/16 E-mail : ramana@ucobank.co.in
A/C No.: 28050210000045 IFSC Code : UCBA0002805

4	Borrower: 1.Mr. S. Kiran Kumar S/o Late Sreenivas Murthy 2. Savitha L W/o S Kiran Kumar No.62/1 (Old No.62), PID No.133-WO145-59, Binny Layout, Hampi Nagar, RPC Layout, Bangalore - 560104.	a) 28.10.2019 b) Rs.2,26,17,647/- plus interest, expenses, charges etc., c) 6.2.2020. d) Rs.22,05,952 /- plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 9.9.2020 Between 10.00 am. to 5.00 pm b) On or before 11.9.2020 before 4.30 pm c) 16.9.2020 between 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm	Shown Against each Property below.
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Description of Immovable Property - All that piece and parcel of the Residential Building Bearing Flat No.B001, B105, B106, B205, B206, B305, B306, "NISARGA CAPITAL" APARTMENT, Khata No.1117/148/3, E-Khata No.150300401000102507, Converted Khata No.148/3, Adjacent to Nisarga Layout, Hoskote, Malur Road, Kannurhalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru -562114, Building have Still + GF and 3 upper Floor. All are 2BHK Flat. Total Site bounded on East by: Sy.No.162 & 163, West by: Sy.No.149 & 150, North by : Remaining land in Sy.No.148/3 and South by: Road and Brook. IN THE NAME OF Mr S Kiran Kumar. (L-13.064465, L-77.805442).

1. Flat No. B001 having super built up area 1223 sq.ft in Ground Floor and Bounded on East by : Corridor & Flat No.B010, West By : Open Space, North by : Flat No.002 and South by : Open Space.
a) Reserve Price : Rs.37,88,000/- b) EMD Amount : Rs.3,78,800/- c) Bid Increase Amount : Rs.25,000/-
2. Flat No. B105 having super built up area 1165 sq.ft in First Floor and Bounded on East by : Corridor & Flat No.B106, West By : Open Space, North by : Open Space and South by : Flat No.B104.
a) Reserve Price : Rs. 36,15,000/- b) EMD Amount : Rs.3,61,500/- c) Bid Increase Amount : Rs.25,000/-
3. Flat No. B106 having super built up area 1110 sq.ft in First Floor and Bounded on East by : Open Space, West By : Corridor & Flat No.B105, North by : Open Space and South by : Flat No.107.
a) Reserve Price : Rs. 34,50,000/- b) EMD Amount : Rs.3,45,000/- c) Bid Increase Amount : Rs.25,000/-
4. Flat No. B205 having super built up area 1165 sq.ft in Second Floor and Bounded on East by : Corridor & Flat No.B206, West By : Open Space, North by : Open Space and South by : Flat No.204.
a) Reserve Price : Rs. 36,15,000/- b) EMD Amount : Rs.3,61,500/- c) Bid Increase Amount : Rs.25,000/-
5. Flat No. B206 having super built up area 1110 sq.ft in Second Floor and Bounded on East by : Open Space, West By : Corridor & Flat No.B205, North by : Open Space and South by : Flat No.207.
a) Reserve Price : Rs. 34,50,000/- b) EMD Amount : Rs.3,45,000/- c) Bid Increase Amount : Rs.25,000/-
6. Flat No. B305 having super built up area 1165 sq.ft in Third Floor and Bounded on East by : Corridor & Flat No.B306, West By : Open Space, North by : Open Space and South by : Flat No.304.
a) Reserve Price : Rs. 36,15,000/- b) EMD Amount : Rs.3,61,500/- c) Bid Increase Amount : Rs.25,000/-
7. Flat No. B306 having super built up area 1110 sq.ft in Third Floor and Bounded on East by : Open Space, West By : Corridor & Flat No.B305, North by : Open Space and South by : Flat No.307.
a) Reserve Price : Rs. 34,50,000/- b) EMD Amount : Rs.3,45,000/- c) Bid Increase Amount : Rs.25,000/-
Branch : Hoskote Branch, Ph.:080-27931370 E-mail : Hosako@ucobank.co.in
A/C No. : 24430210000199 IFSC Code : UCBA0002443

5	Borrower: 1. Mr. Srinath B S, S/o Suryanarayan 2. Mrs.RADHA S, W/O Mr.SRINATH B S # No.70, 7th Main Road, 7th Block, BSK III Stage, Girinagar, Bangalore-560085 Office Address:- M/s Krishna Associates (Cement & Steel Dealers) Proprietor :- Mr. Srinath B S # No.480 Hosakerehalli Main Road, Bsk 3rd Stage, Bangalore – 560085. Mortgagor:- Mr. Srinath B S, S/o Suryanarayan	a) 23.12.2016 b) Rs.1,85,85,274.80 plus interest, expenses, charges etc c) 1.4.2017 d) Rs.1,89,78,321.94 plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc.	a) 9.9.2020 Between 10.00 am. to 5.00 pm b) On or before 11.9.2020 before 4.30 pm c) 16.9.2020 between 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm	a) Rs.1,78,70,000/- b) Rs.17,87,000/- c) Rs.25,000/-
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Description of Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No. 3087 (Old site No 193/31), formed by Viswabharathi Housing Building Co-operative Society Ltd formed in Survey no 16, 17, 18, 19 of Gerahalli village and no 1011, 103/1, 103/2, 104/1, 104/2, 105 & 106 of Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Measuring East to West : 24 feet and North to South : 47.75 feet, and marginal land measuring East to west: 20.1 ft and North to South: 54 ft in all measuring 2234.10 sq feet and bounded on: East By : Marginal Land, West By : Site no.3086, North By : Road and South By: Marginal Land. In the name of Mr.Srinath B S. (GF+FF)(N-12.931849, E-77.547008).

Branch : Jayanagar, Ph.: 080-26633347 /22446876 E-mail : jayana@ucobank.co.in
A/C No.: 06230210000915 IFSC Code : UCBA0000623

6	Borrower: 1. Mr. Jagadeesha C, S/o Late Chikkaiah # No.34, Near Eshwari School, Hosakerehalli, Bsk 3rd Stage, 2nd 'A' Cross, Bangalore - 560085. Office Address:- M/s Manjunath Technical Services. Prop:- Mr. Jagadeesha C No.633, 1st Floor, 100 Ft Ring Road, II Stage, 4th Block, Bsk 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560085. 2. Mrs.Chaitra Shankre Gowda W/o Jagadeesha C, # No.34, Near Eshwari School, Hosakerehalli, Bsk 3rd Stage, 2nd 'A' Cross, Bangalore – 560085. Office Address:- C.J.Consultancy & Services # No.34, Hosakerehalli, 3rd Cross, Near Eshwari	a) 28.10.2016 b) Rs.2,03,44,654/- plus interest expenses, charges etc c) 23.2.2017 d) Rs.2,07,49,584/- plus unapplied interest and costs charges etc	a) 9.9.2020 Between 10.00 am. to 5.00 pm b) On or before 11.9.2020 before 4.30 pm c) 16.9.2020 between 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm	a) Rs.1,44,10,000/- b) Rs.14,41,000/- c) Rs.25,000/-
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Description of Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing New Municipal No. 17 PID o. 55-266-17 (New PID No. 161-WO108-20) Old No. 34, Khata No. 16/1 situated at 2nd Cross Hosakerehalli BSK 3rd Stage, Previously Hosakerehalli village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 55 Bangalore, measuring East to West: 30 feet North to south :45 feet in all measuring 1350 sqft and bounded by: East By : Property No. 33, West By : Property No. 35, North By : Property No. 21 and South By : Road. In the name of –Mr.Jagadeesha C. (STILT+GF+FF+SF+TF) (N-12.55410, E-77.32159).

Branch : Jayanagar, Ph.: 080-26633347 /22446876 E-mail : jayana@ucobank.co.in
A/C No.: 06230210000915 IFSC Code : UCBA0000623

TERMS & CONDITIONS: 1.The e-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS". 2) To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property and statutory dues (if any) are not known. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies & to inspect & satisfy themselves. 3.Statutory dues/ liabilities etc. due to the Government/ Local Body are not known and shall be borne by the successful bidder, if any. 4. In case of sole bidder, the bid amount quoted in his bid form must be improved by at least one bid incremental value, lest the sale shall be cancelled / deferred. 5.Successful bidder shall bear the charges / fee payable for registration of the property as per law. 6.Sale will not be confirmed if the borrower tenders to the Bank contractual dues along with other expenses prior to the Authorised Officer issuing Sale Confirmation Letter to the successful bidder. In such case the Bank shall refund without interest the entire amount remitted by the successful bidder. 7. The Interested Bidders who require assistance in creating login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting bid documents, Training / Demonstration, Terms and Conditions Online internet bidding etc., May visit website <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/bapil/index.jsp>. For any property related query may contact the Chief Manager Mr. RAJ KUMAR BHOLE, Mobile No-70900 05115, Email- zoblir.rec@ucobank.co.in. 8. Auction would be conducted for an initial period of 60 minutes followed by unlimited extensions of 10 minutes each, in case a valid bid is received in last 10 minutes. 9. All intending bidder shall register with the E-AUCTIONS portal to create their user id and passwords. Bidders have to register online by providing their KYC documents and registration fees as prescribed by service provider (MSTC). Once the KYC documents are verified by MSTC, the registration will be activated within a period of maximum two working days from the date of submission of all KYC documents and registration fee. 10.Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of 10% shall be deposited through NEFT Fund transfer to Credit of MSTC wallet by generating the challan through <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/bapil/index.in>. Rest amount after successful bidding will be sent to branch as per the Account Number mentioned above. 11. The Successful bidder shall have to pay 25% of the purchase amount (including earnest money already paid), immediately on closure of the E-Auction Sale proceedings on the same day or next day of the Sale in the same mode as mentioned above and the balance 75% of the purchase price shall have to be paid within 15 days or within the extended time from the date of confirmation of sale by the authorized officer. In case of default, all amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited including earnest money deposited. 12. The successful bidder has to bear the TDS of 1% if the property value exceeds 50 lacs. This Notice is also to be treated as 15 days Statutory sale notice to borrower and Guarantor Under Rule 9(1) Security Interest (Enforcement), Rules 2002. 13) Prospective buyers may visit Website <https://bapil.in> for more details about the property.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION/CAUTION

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither UCO Bank nor the Service provider will be responsible for any lapses / failure (internet failure, power failure, etc) on the part of the vendor, in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/ alternatives such as back-up power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Place: Bangalore Authorised Officer
Date: 1.9.2020 UCO Bank

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The following Borrower available the below mentioned loans from Repco Home Finance Ltd. Bangalore Branch. The loans of below mentioned borrower (Column No.3) have been secured by the mortgage of properties mentioned in (Column No.5). As they have failed to adhere to the terms & conditions of the loan agreement and as the loan become irregular, the loans were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to Repco Home Finance Ltd - Bangalore Branch are mentioned in (Column No.4). This amount with further interest & costs on the said amount shall also be payable as applicable and the same will be charged with effect from their respective dates.

KARNATAKA SESSION NORMS

Covid-negative
certificate a must
for legislators?ASHWINI M SRIPAD
@Bengaluru

WITH just a few weeks to go for the Karnataka legislature session, both Assembly and Council secretariats may insist on legislators and officials attending the session to carry Covid-negative certificates before entering the Houses.

The State government has decided to hold the session from September 21 for ten days at the Vidhana Soudha. Secretariat officials have already begun preparations and are taking several precautionary measures, including putting up fibre sheets between two seats to avoid cross-infection among members. Also, sanitiser bottles will be placed at each table. To avoid crowding at Vidhana Soudha, the public will not be allowed to witness the session this time, sources said.

Already, many political leaders, including Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah, Minister C T Ravi, KPCC president D K Shivakumar and former minister H D Revanna,

have tested positive. They have all, however, recovered and discharged from hospital.

Speaker Vishweshwara Hegde Kageri has a proposal before him to allow members to attend the session only after they produce a Covid-negative certificate. He told The New Indian Express that even for Parliament proceedings, a standard operating procedure has been issued, asking MPs to get themselves tested for Covid at least 72 hours before the start of the monsoon session.

"We have got their SOP and we are studying it. We may not exactly follow the same procedure, but customise it to our convenience. The Parliament SOP insists on a Covid test 72 hours before the session. But it cannot be done here as many legislators come from rural areas. Instead, we are thinking of conducting rapid antigen tests, which give results within 20 minutes, inside the Banquet Hall of Vidhana Soudha. We are discussing it with Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar. There will be some clarity by next week."



EPS asks Centre to raise funds for GST dues

Will be against future cess receipts so that compensation could be paid in full to States for 2020-21, says TN CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

EXPRESSING concern over the two options proposed by the Centre to the States on how to shore up funds for GST compensation that is due to them, Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on Monday requested the Centre to raise the required amount as loan and lend it to the States. This, he said, will be against future cess receipts so that the compensation could be paid in full to the States for 2020-21.

In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Chief Minister said apart from ensuring that the States get their full compensation in the current year itself, the Centre should not reduce the additional borrowing that is permissible to States under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat stimulus package, which is two per cent of



Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami inspects an ambulance in Chennai on Monday | P JAWAHAR

Gross State Domestic Product.

So far, no compensation has been released to Tamil Nadu for the shortfall in revenue collection since April 1, 2020. The Centre is supposed to compensate ₹12,250.50 crore to Tamil Nadu, which is the shortfall in GST col-

lections, of which ₹11,459.37 crore has accrued from April to July. "The net impact of the Government of India's proposed two options is to reduce the overall resources available to States in 2020-21 quite substantially to the extent of about 1 per cent of GDP, amounting to nearly ₹2 lakh crore," Palaniswami said in his letter.

He also pointed out that this would really hurt spending by States on many crucial Covid and non-Covid related expenditures. Welfare programmes and infrastructure creating capital expenditure would suffer greatly. Early resumption of growth momentum in the economy and economic revival will also take a hit, he said.

The Centre had presented two options to States on August 27 to fill up the GST compensation void this fiscal.

TS to raise compensation
issue in Parliament

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

TELANGANA government will fight for its just compensation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) in the ensuing Parliament session and also take legal recourse over the issue. Finance Minister T Harish Rao on Monday declared that the State government opposes the Central government's plans to reduce the GST compensation to the States.

After discussing the issue with Finance Ministers of other non-BJP ruled states, including Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Kerala and West Bengal, over a video conference, Harish Rao told the media that the TRS MPs would fight in the Parliament over the GST compensation issue. "It is the responsibility of the Central government to pay GST compensation as per the Act when the States' GST collections are below 14 per cent," Harish Rao said.

Later in the day, the same message was conveyed by Chief Minister K Chandrababtu Naidu to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in a letter:

PROBLEM
OF
PLENTY

A man drinks water from a submerged tubewell amidst flooded surroundings near Balakathi on the outskirts of Bhubaneswar on Monday | BISWANATH SWAIN

Sadashiva panel report should be taken up: Muniyappa

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THE injustice done to certain castes and sub-castes within the larger group of Scheduled Castes needs to be corrected, Former Union Minister K H Muniyappa and other senior community leaders on Monday. They were discussing the Supreme Court order that states can take action on the issue of reservation within reservation.

Muniyappa said the State government should take it up during the legislative session in September, and pass it so the Union government can take it up in Parliament.

At the meeting, Muniyappa said that grave injustice has been done to many sub-castes and subgroups within the larger group of Scheduled Castes because of this. He recalled that when Siddaramaiah was Karnataka Chief Minister, he had



called for a meeting of scheduled caste leaders - legislators, parliamentarians, officials and even retired officials - who had given their opinions and consent regarding recommendations of the Sadashiva Commission, that reservation within reservation needs to be taken up. But they couldn't bring these recommendations into force because elections were declared thereafter.

He said this problem is spread across the nation, and Articles 341 and 342 of the Constitution need to be amended suitably. Now that the Supreme Court has said that States should be accorded the power to give reservation within reservation, he urged Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa to take it forward. He said since the Congress and Janata Dal have already given their consent to it, the government should place it on the floor of the House and pass it unanimously.

Dr Reddy new
ACS to CM
YediyurappaEXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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SENIOR IAS officer Dr EV Ramana Reddy has been posted as the Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) to the Chief Minister. Former ACS to the CM P Ravi Kumar has been transferred as the ACS to the government.

Reddy is also placed in concurrent charge of the post of ACS to Government, IT, BT and Science & Technology Departments. Ravi Kumar was the ACS to the CM for the past one year.

The post of ACS to the CM has been declared equivalent in status and responsibilities to the cadre post of the ACS to government, according to a notification issued on Monday.

G Kumar Naik, Principal Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department (MSME and Mines) has been transferred with immediate effect and posted as Principal Secretary, Education Department (Higher Education) relieving Dr EV Ramana Reddy from the concurrent charge.

Kumar Naik is also placed in concurrent charge of the post of Principal Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department (MSME and Mines) until further orders.

It may not be business
as usual for a long time

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THE GO has been widely welcomed by the Food & Beverage (F&B) industry in the State, which is on the brink of collapse because of no business and mounting debts due to the pandemic. Amidst hope of being open in the festive season, there is a strong apprehension in the industry that business may not be as usual for a long time.

"While a couple of our restaurants were open for delivery, the others were not. To restart them at short notice will be impossible given the fact that majority of our staff had left town long back. They need to be brought back, tested; the establishments restocked and sanitised before we can consider resuming normal operations," said Manu Chandra of 'Toast and Tonic' and 'Olive Beach Bar and Kitchen,' Chandra is also the head of Bengaluru chapter of National Restaurants Association of India.

Amit Roy of 'Watson's' concurred with Chandra on staff crunch and said opening of his popular chain of pubs will take some time. "Checking of stocks, kitchen and other infrastructure also needs to be looked into," said Roy.

Arvind Raju of the 'Biere Club' - the first microbrewery in the

City said that his staff has been trained in the last three months on safety precautions and sanitation. His microbrewery was open for takeaway craft beer and food. "Biere Club has now become a 100 per cent no-smoking place. There will be no service at the bar and there will be no salad in the menu. There will be strict food, service and housekeeping protocols," said Raju.

"The news has come as a big relief to the industry after a gruelling five-and-a-half months. We were the first to be closed and one of the last to be opened. We will be extremely cautious about safety and hygiene and will take all mandatory precautions," said Anirudh Khenn of '1Q1 Kitchen & Bar'.

Pubs and bars in Karnataka have been closed since March 20, much ahead of the lockdown from March 24. In May the government had reopened retail liquor stores (CL2 licences) and allowed the sale of takeaway liquor from pubs and bars (CL9 licences) at Maximum Retail Price (MRP). The government also allowed sale of take away craft beer from the microbreweries. Majority of pubs and bars in Bengaluru, however, chose to remain close because they did not find selling of liquor at MRP rates, a "financially viable" option.

Postal pensioners to get account details via SMS

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THERE is some relief in store for postal department pensioners across the country due to a move by the department to provide them all information about their accounts on their mobiles. A total of 4,62,096 pensioners across the country and 17,144 in Karnataka are set to benefit from this facility, that will roll out in the first week of September.

The move is particularly useful

in these times of the corona pandemic, with both the government and families cautioning senior citizens from stepping outside their homes.

Charles Lobo, member, Postal Operations, New Delhi, told *TNIE* that any retired postal employee whose number has been provided to the department stands to benefit from this messaging service.

While at present, a message stating that pension has been credited is sent to pensioners, the

service that is set to be rolled out will specify the pension amount, Dearness Allowance, deduction, arrears, income-tax, net pension, apart from the date the pension has been credited.

A senior postal department official said, "The SMS plays the role of a payroll for them. Pensioners usually get a message about credit of the pension from their post office or bank account. However, they are not aware of the break-up of the amount."

TERROR CASE

NIA to take
Sabeel to
Hyderabad

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

DR SABEEL Ahmed, who was arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in New Delhi on terror charges after he was deported from Saudi Arabia "may not be brought to Bengaluru immediately", official sources told *The New Indian Express*.

"As per Covid-19 protocol, Sabeel was tested for Covid and his test results are awaited. He is at present in judicial custody and will be taken by NIA to Hyderabad for interrogation. If required, he will be sent to Bengaluru for investigation," the officer added. Sabeel was detained in Saudi Arabia, where he was working as a doctor after NIA listed him as a wanted accused in an alleged Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) recruitment plot of 2012.

Sabeel belongs to a family of doctors settled in Bengaluru, after their initial stint in Saudi Arabia. His elder sibling, Kafeel Ahmed, an aeronautical engineer, was involved in the June 29, 2007, suicide attack at Glasgow airport. Kafeel succumbed to burns in the United Kingdom.

Sabeel, who was then in London, was deported to India after he failed to disclose prior knowledge of the terror attack planned and executed by his brother.

In 2010, Sabeel got married and moved out of Bengaluru to Saudi Arabia with his family, where he is learned to have taken up a job at King Fahad Hospital. In 2015, NIA had issued a non-bailable warrant and lookout notice against him in the LeT terror case. Sabeel had denied involvement in the case.

 BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure -TEC, N.R.Square, Bangalore-560002		
No: EERI-TEC/TEND/276/2020-21		Date: 31.08.2020
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION		
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (Through e-Procurement only - Two Cover System)		
The Executive Engineer (Traffic Engineering Cell-Road Infrastructure), BBMP, Bangalore on behalf of the commissioner, BBMP invites competitive bids from reputed firm/ Agencies for “Providing and Operation of Labour Contract for repair of damaged road surface including filling up of potholes, resurfacing of worn out/ distressed surfaces of classified ward roads in BBMP limits” .		
SL No.	Details of the Packages	EMD (In Rs.)
EAST ZONE		
	Providing and Operation of Labour Contract for repair of damaged road surface including filling up of potholes, resurfacing of worn out/ distressed surfaces of classified ward roads in Below Mentioned Constituency.	
1	Hebbal Assembly Constituency	Rs. 25,000/-
2	Pulikeshinagar Assembly Constituency	Rs. 25,000/-
3	Sarvagnanagar Assembly Constituency	Rs. 25,000/-
4	Shivajinagara Assembly Constituency	Rs. 25,000/-
5	C.V.Ramannagar Assembly Constituency	Rs. 25,000/-
6	Shanthinagara Assembly Constituency	Rs. 25,000/-
WEST ZONE		
	Providing and Operation of Labour Contract for repair of damaged road surface including filling up of potholes, resurfacing of worn out/ distressed surfaces of classified ward roads in Below Mentioned Constituency.	
7	Govindarajanagara Assembly Constituency	Rs. 25,000/-
8	Rajajinagara Assembly Constituency	Rs. 25,000/-
9	Chamarajapete Assembly Constituency	Rs. 25,000/-
10	Malleshwaram Assembly Constituency	Rs. 25,000/-
11	Gandhinagar Assembly Constituency	Rs. 25,000/-
12	Mahalakshmi Layout Assembly Constituency	Rs. 25,000/-
SOUTH ZONE		
	Providing and Operation of Labour Contract for repair of damaged road surface including filling up of potholes, resurfacing of worn out/ distressed surfaces of classified ward roads in Below Mentioned Constituency.	
13	Chickpete Assembly Constituency	Rs. 25,000/-
14	Vijayanagara Assembly Constituency	Rs. 25,000/-
15	Padmanabhanagara Assembly Constituency	Rs. 25,000/-
16	Jayanagara Assembly Constituency	Rs. 25,000/-
17	BTM Layout Assembly Constituency	Rs. 25,000/-
18	Basavanagudi Assembly Constituency	Rs. 25,000/-
YELAHANKA ZONE		
	Providing and Operation of Labour Contract for repair of damaged road surface including filling up of potholes, resurfacing of worn out/ distressed surfaces of classified ward roads in Below Mentioned Constituency	
19	Yelahanka Assembly Constituency.	Rs. 25,000/-
20	Byatarayanapura Assembly Constituency.	Rs. 25,000/-
MAHADEVAPURA ZONE		
	Providing and Operation of Labour Contract for repair of damaged road surface including filling up of potholes, resurfacing of worn out/ distressed surfaces of classified ward roads in Below Mentioned Constituency	
21	K.R.Puram Assembly Constituency.	Rs. 25,000/-
22	Mahadevpura Assembly Constituency.	Rs. 25,000/-
BOMMANAHALLI ZONE		
	Providing and Operation of Labour Contract for repair of damaged road surface including filling up of potholes, resurfacing of worn out/ distressed surfaces of classified ward roads in Below Mentioned Constituency.	
23	Bommanahalli Assembly Constituency.	Rs. 25,000/-
24	South Assembly Constituency.	Rs. 25,000/-
RAJARAJESHWARINAGARA ZONE		
	Providing and Operation of Labour Contract for repair of damaged road surface including filling up of potholes, resurfacing of worn out/ distressed surfaces of classified ward roads in Below Mentioned Constituency.	
25	Rajarajeshwarinagara Assembly Constituency.	Rs. 25,000/-
26	Yeshwanthapura Assembly Constituency.	Rs. 25,000/-
DASARAHALLI ZONE		
	Providing and Operation of Labour Contract for repair of damaged road surface including filling up of potholes, resurfacing of worn out/ distressed surfaces of classified ward roads in Below Mentioned Constituency.	
27	Dasarahalli Assembly Constituency.	Rs. 25,000/-
(1). Availability of Tender Document in e-procurement portal from: 31.08.2020 onwards (2). Last date for submission of pre-bid queries: 03.09.2020 upto 16.30 hrs (3).Pre-Bid Meeting: 04.09.2020 at 13.30 hrs. (4).Last date for submission of Tenders: 08.09.2020 upto 16.00 hrs. (4).Date of opening of Technical bid: 10.09.2020 at 16.30 hrs. (5).Date of opening of Financial Bid: Will be intimated to Tenderers.		
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— Ramnath Goenka

CHANGE MILITARY THINKING TO DEAL WITH CHINESE THREAT

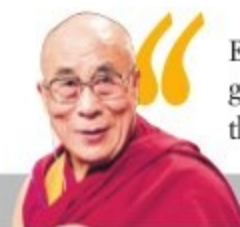
Days after Chief of Defence staff Gen Bipin Rawat told a section of the media that a military option against China can be exercised if diplomatic and military talks fail to yield results, Chinese PLA troops attempted another transgression on the southern bank of the Pangong Lake in eastern Ladakh, the site of violent clashes in mid-June. The fact that the latest Chinese attempt to change the status quo along the Line of Actual Control comes after these statements can only mean that Beijing is least fearful of such words. The attempted transgression also comes after the Indian government has taken several measures recently to hurt China economically. Given the expansionist and aggressive designs of China not only against India but also in the South China Sea, New Delhi is left with no option but to strengthen itself militarily and economically. This has to be the central theme that determines any policy towards China as Beijing only respects strength.

Going forward, India needs to urgently change its military thinking. From arms purchases, deployment and preparedness, everything is geared towards Pakistan. The Indian Army has three strike corps, its offensive arm, and all of them are deployed along the western border. This is rather strange as the military brass is well aware that Pakistan, with a weak economy, can ill afford a protracted confrontation with India. It is stranger still because the commanders have been aware of China's designs against India. It's time the military took a relook at this. The Army should consider redeploying at least one of the strike corps along the LAC. It is also time to fast-track the raising of the mountain corps, which has been in the works for years now but is yet to see the light of the day. The government also needs to speed up construction of dedicated military corridors to facilitate faster movement of troops. Economically, the government needs to vigorously work towards self-reliance so that India is not critically dependent on only one country for raw material. On Independence Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called on the nation to be vocal about local. It is now up to the citizens to play their part.

QUOTA WITHIN QUOTA & APEX COURT VERDICT

The Supreme Court reopening the legal debate on sub-categorisation within SC/ST reservation has welcome aspects to it. A quota within quota has been seen as controversial by some segments of Dalits. This is partly a function of resource scarcity—a larger number vying for a static, indeed shrinking, pool of benefits. Partly on principle: caste discrimination does not disappear with quotas, as is well-backed empirically. (And a group being relatively less disadvantaged than another should not leave it with less chances; it is vastly more deprived than the rest). And partly political: carving up the Dalit-Bahujan polity into mutually competitive segments is inherently inimical to broad solidarities. Recall the political use in Bihar of the 'Mahadalit' card. And yet, the ground situation is complex: we are talking of the oppressed of the oppressed. If there was no ground for revisiting the issue, state after state would not have knocked at the doors of the judiciary again and again.

The debate is best understood via the tussle between the Mala and Madiga communities of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh over the share of SC reservation. A state legislation from 2000 that sought to adjudicate by apportioning fixed sub-quotas was struck down as unconstitutional by the apex court in 2005, holding that the state(s) had no power to tinker with the Presidential list that identifies SC and ST groups. Punjab's attempt to bring in Valmikis and Mazhabi Sikhs into the arc of benefits also ran afoul of this. This is what the Justice Arun Mishra-headed Bench has now departed from, upholding the rights of states to decide the flow of quota distribution. Both were five-judge Benches: so protocol now calls for a larger Bench. Besides AP and Punjab, this will affect Tamil Nadu (which has reserved 3% for the Arundhatiayars) and Bihar (which has set up a commission to identify Mahadalits). But first we need some form of social consensus among stakeholders, and a relook at quota caps.



Education today tends to focus on material goals. What we really need is happiness that is rooted in the power of the mind

Dalai Lama

Retail is the biggest of all enterprises in the world. It is a solution to everything, and there is a little bit of it in everything we do

RETAIL, RETAIL EVERYWHERE

HARISH BIJOOR



Brand Guru & Founder, Harish Bijoor Consults

Which is the oldest profession in the world?

There is a quiet debate on this. Nevertheless, what seems to be winning is the business vertical of retail. Retail businesses, in more ways than one, have preceded all businesses. And there is a little bit of it in everything you and I do.

The business of growing and selling has been a way of life from times immemorial for the farmer. He grew, consumed his yield and sold or bartered what was in excess, often for a profit. And then came manufacturing. Out here, factories were put together to be able to sell to real customers with a demand for the product at hand. And finally came the arena of retail services, which made money for the enterprise that put it together.

Retail is therefore the biggest of all enterprises in the world. The size of global retail is estimated to be all of \$25.5 trillion. India is purported to have breached the \$1 trillion mark just about now and sits at \$1.1 trillion. And India is slated to grow day and night, in leaps and bounds.

No wonder; then, there is big excitement brewing in the business lives of corporate organisations when it comes to retail and

its many omni-channel avatars. Retail has a newfound sense of respectability even, with folks from the best B-schools vying to work within them. The image of modern retail enterprises is a newfound skin of complete respectability and added value.

The business of retail has taken centre stage today in India. We are indeed a nation of shopkeepers in many ways, with as many as 14.6 million retail outlets (if I am to include the ubiquitous and deeply distributed paan shops as well). This means that a nation of 1.36 billion people is attended to by a population of shops that is as large as the entire population of Zimbabwe. A rather super-healthy ratio of 1:93 people that outclasses the ratio of doctors to human beings in India for sure.

Retail is therefore everywhere around us. Every breath and every step you take, you have a retail interface staring at you. Retail is no longer physical alone. It surely is the Aravamudan General Stores at your street corner, but it is also Amazon.com that gets you goodies online. Retail is your local Chinese restaurant as much as it is the Swiggy and Zomato brands that bring that food right into your home. Retail is physical,

digital and now even phygital, a mix of the two.

In many ways, as we look into the years ahead, retail is going to get its tentacles into literally everything there is. The petrol pump on the highway is a retail point, as is the Café Coffee Day outlet out there, or the Storage Locker guys who have recently set up shop, or for that matter even the temple and church that you pass by. Retail is this really big animal that is everywhere. And it's getting stronger by the day. Retailers of the future will retail everything there is to sell. Real estate, cars, lottery tickets, gentlemen's clubs, poker clubs, you name it.

Time to then expand the notion of retail altogether. Retail is the shop, retail is the delivery,



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retail is the experience. Businesses all across the value chain will look into retail as the one initiative that will open up markets in good times and bad. There will be retail of every type then. Business to Business (B2B), Business to Consumer (B2C), Business to Business to Consumer (B2B2C), Consumer to Consumer (C2C), Machine to Consumer (M2C), Machine to Machine (M2M) and many avatars that are to yet to arrive in our lives.

Retail is therefore a solution to everything, it seems. Over the last few months of the lockdown, I have been working with folks in the space of big business and have been evangelising retail right through. Retail gets you there in the forefront of buying and selling action. You can't stay back-end and hope for things to fall into place. Not in tough times as the ones we are living through

Take the example of the big chain of cinema theatres. What's ahead for them is a complete small-retail play of smaller theatres that seat all of 40 people maximum, spread out all across. Even pop-up tent theatres that seat 40 and roam into the villages of India. Like the good old days. Take also the case of the big

vineyard player struggling to make his real estate investments pay him back. Well, we now have retail vineyards of the virtual kind. You can own a fractional piece of this large vineyard. You can own 200 sq. ft. of the land and grow your grape and nurture it with care. You can watch your grapes grow through online live-streaming videos. The vineyard owner is cultivating it for you. This patch is yours. And when he sells the grape and makes the wine, you can either have bottles of your own wine delivered to you, or you can get money for the same when sold. Thousands of retail owners of this one large vineyard then.

There is little bit of retail in everything around us, and in the very air we breathe. There is aggregation of business from the small to the large in retail as we see enterprises such as Reliance Retail buying up the Future Group enterprises, and there sure is a disaggregation of retail as well, as my now-happy friend in the vineyard is monetising his passion with the grapes.

There used to be a devil in every berry of the grape (and I quote *The Talmud*), but now there is retail in every berry of the grape! (harishbijoor@hotmail.com)

NEP AND THE STATE OF RESEARCH IN INDIA

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Teaching and research are two sides of the same coin and help improve higher education while creating a better society around us. However, the Indian education system is challenged by heterogeneous conditions such as infrastructural, social, locational, regional, economical and aspirational issues, to name a few. The quality of research has always been particularly overlooked in our country due to the said factors and the time has come to prioritise it. Many of the world's nations are trying to reinforce the quality of research and India too has come up with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 to revamp the whole education system.

One of the core objectives of the policy is about generating and sharing ideas that will be widely applicable in real-life settings. On the contrary, quality research in India principally hinges on doctoral research work (leading to the award of MPhil/PhD degree) produced by the universities that follow

UGC regulations. Apart from two previous UGC regulations in 2009 and 2016, the 2019 regulation sets two agendas; firstly, improving the "quality of research" by faculty and creating new knowledge and strategies for improving research culture in college/universities; secondly, rolling out a national entrance test for MPhil and PhD programmes.

How far have the regulations improved research quality in India? We found a set of points to ponder upon while analysing the existing data: (a) the registration to PhD programmes quadrupled in the fields of science, engineering, technology, social science, commerce, law, management and humanities during the last decade; (b) annual registration of women into PhDs (2,983 in 2010-2011 and 68,842 in 2017-2018) is growing faster than that of men (47,964 in 2010-2011 and 92,570 in 2017-2018); (c) discipline-wise data from 2010-11 to 2017-18 of those enrolled into PhD—science (30%), engineering and technology

(26%), social science (12%) and humanities (6%); (d) the 2010 to 2018 data raises concerns over increased PhD enrolment trends in deemed private universities compared to state/central/national universities; (e) The number of women awarded PhDs was 8,775 in 2012 and 14,221 in 2017; the number of men awarded PhDs stood at 14,855 in 2012 and 20,179 in 2017.

The above data shows India has massive potential to enrich the knowledge ecosystem. However, the consensus is that the quality of research is far from reasonable. Indeed, our findings were alarming and they surfaced in the form of poor infrastructure and limited funding; lack of experienced human resource for research guidance; emphasis on teaching above research; stringent rules on PhD admission, for example age criteria and discouragement of interdisciplinary and



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multidisciplinary research; poor quality research with no theoretical or applied aspects, plagiarism and data duplication; growing fake journal publications (Indian academics contributed 35% of all articles published in fake journals between 2010 to 2014); the old idea of one-size-fits-all attitude in research, etc.

To strengthen quality research and refine higher education, the NEP 2020 has recently brought many changes. They are:

1) Introduction of credit-based courses and hours in teaching, education and pedagogy for PhD students. The policy suggests mandatory engagement of teaching assistantship and assistance to faculty; 2) PhDs in multidisciplinary and professional areas such as in the field of healthcare, agriculture and law have to be included by all universities. 3) A person undertaking a PhD should have either a master's degree or a four-year bachelor's degree with research, and the MPhil degree will not be continued.

For growing and catalysing quality research in the nation, the NEP 2020 envisions the establishment of a National Research Foundation (NRF) with the aim of allowing a culture of research to permeate our universities. In particular, the NRF will provide a reliable base of merit-based but equitable peer-reviewed research

help develop a culture of research in the country through suitable incentives, and undertake major initiatives to seed and grow research at state universities and other public institutions where the capability is currently limited. The NRF needs to be competitively funded for all disciplines to successfully carry out research that will be recognised, and where relevant, implemented through close linkages with governmental agencies as well as industry and private/philanthropic organisations.

The aim of the NEP 2020 is to make higher education institutions multidisciplinary. The objective is to move towards learning about how to think critically and solve problems, how to be creative, and how to innovate, adapt, and absorb new material in novel and changing fields. This move towards large multidisciplinary HEIs should be carried out as swiftly as possible, and in a systematic manner by consolidating and restructuring existing institutions while building new ones—including establishing new world-class model institutions of this type (model multidisciplinary colleges) across the country, and creating at least one large high quality multidisciplinary HEI in (or close to) every district.

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Pranab will be missed

The news that former president Pranab Mukherjee is no more has pained millions. A highly respected personality, he was well-known for his intelligence, wit and decision-making skills. He was one of the very few politicians whose integrity was unquestionable throughout his career. The nation will miss an upright man who set an example for others by leading a life for the country and its people.

AP Thiruvadi, Chennai

Great loss to the nation

Pranab Mukherjee's demise is a great loss for the nation. He was one of the greatest statesmen in India—learned, outspoken and patriotic. May his soul rest in peace.

Raghu Joshi, Davanagere

Gives hope to artisans

The recent episode of the PM's radio talk show, *Mann Ki Baat*, was filled with surprises. He mentioned issues that no one had predicted, like India's toy industry. By getting a mention in the PM's talk, artisans and small-scale industries have got hope now.

DV GSankararao, Vizianagaram

Odd choice of topics

At a time when the economy is struggling and Chinese troops are still very much a threat on the Ladakh border, it was odd for our PM to champion swadeshi dog breeds in his *Mann Ki Baat*. Meanwhile, India has recorded the highest number of daily positive cases globally. Not surprisingly, even the talk's video on YouTube was greeted by overwhelming criticism, a rarity.

SK Choudhury, Bengaluru

Gem of a politician

Due to illness, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is resigning from his post. One wonders where we can find such gems nowadays, when most politicians cling to their posts like leeches. This is one of the reasons Japan has become well developed over the years.

MB Subramanyam, email

Don't sensationalise it

The alleged suicide of actor Sushant Singh Rajput is now under the scanner of the three top enforcement agencies in the country due to the hype created by visual media. A scrutiny of the autopsy would conclusively show whether it was suicide or not. One hopes good sense prevails and people stop sensationalising the case.

SV Venkatakrishnan, Bengaluru

Good decision by TN

It is welcome that TN has announced major relaxations of lockdown restrictions. The scrapping of the e-pass system, plying of public transport, opening up of malls and places of worship, etc., will make people's lives easier and economic activities will gain momentum. At the same time, guidelines like wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing must be followed as the heavy movement of man and material will increase the risk of contracting the virus.

S Nallasivan, Tirunelveli

Living with the virus

It is great that almost all sectors will resume their functioning in TN. Lockdown is not a solution for the virus. Preventive measures are the only solution till a vaccine is developed.

Kiran Joseph SJ, Madurai

Let music sabhas open

It is great that normal activity is to resume in almost all spheres of TN from September. It would be still better if music sabhas are also allowed to function while observing social distancing norms. This will benefit music lovers as well as the widows and accompanying artists.

Srinivasan B, email

Need truth, not revenge

The court is the temple of justice; it is not a place for revenge. Why, then, have the judges not even considered lawyer-activist Prashant Bhushan's alleged corruption claims against former apex court judges? They must have first conducted an enquiry into the claims and then decided if some punishment against Bhushan was in order.

SPrakash, Tiruchy



LONG WALKS END



1 Receiving the Bharat Ratna from his successor, President Ram Nath Kovind 2 He ruffled some feathers in the Congress when he went to the RSS headquarters at Nagpur in June 2018 3 PM Narendra Modi, with whom Pranab Mukherjee had an excellent relationship, called on the former President when he demitted office 4 During an evening walk at the Mughal Gardens of Rashtrapati Bhavan 5 With ex-US President Barack Obama 6 With Chinese Prez Xi Jinping at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing in 2016 7 He was equally at ease smoking the pipe and smoking the peace pipe with adversaries 8 With then PM Narasimha Rao, Sharad Pawar and Manmohan Singh 9 He was the chief guest at the launch of The Morning Standard in 2018 10 Sonia Gandhi often turned to him for political advice 11 Rahul Gandhi sought Mukherjee's blessings before filing his nomination papers for the Congress president's post in 2017 12 It was son Abhijit Mukherjee who announced the former President's death 13 With son Indrajit, daughter Sharmistha and daughter-in-law in 2012 14 Once a school teacher, he was very good with children

He defended decisions, even those with which he didn't agree

had the privilege of working closely with him both in the party and the government. We worked together on Congress history and the publication of the special volume on 125 years of the party. He had complete comprehensive and understanding of India's freedom struggle and especially post-independent India's reconstruction. He was a very grounded and committed Congressman. I learned a lot and shall always cherish the memories. Pranab will be fondly remembered as a great parliamentarian for his erudition, articulation and commitment

to democracy. India has lost a great leader and statesman at a time when the nation needed his wise guidance. The Congress has lost a stalwart who made an enormous contribution to public life in his long and illustrious career. He was very committed to the Congress. We worked together when I was a minister in North Block and during the Indo-US nuclear deal and later we interacted during many occasions at cabinet and economic committee meetings. He was very charming but he also believed in the value of time and the quality of conversation and would not like to continue a

conversation that was not productive.

I have many memories of him as we have seen many difficult and good times. There were many things which upset him and things which were very special to him. He was very upset when there was a



ANAND SHARMA
Congress leader & Pranab Mukherjee's cabinet colleague in UPA I & II

sudden announcement of the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh.

He was not in Delhi at that time and when he returned he spoke to me about it. It was close to midnight when I went to his house and talked to him. He said this would have long term consequences and should not have happened.

He was not happy when he and Kapil Sibal were asked to go to the Delhi airport to talk to Baba Ramdev when the Anna Hazare agitation was at the peak. He said he should have thought better before saying yes to go and meet him. He regretted it and never forgave himself for that.

He was disciplined and did not like to take the credit from the Prime Minister, who was dealing with the Indo-US nuclear deal. In fact, Pranab had a great quality, even if he personally did not agree with a decision he would be tenacious in defending it after the decision had been made.

His thinking was there was no point in wasting time on decisions in which his views were considered unimportant. He had a great sense of humour and an amazing ability to reach out even to his adversaries. He could be frank, talk, negotiate and was the ultimate negotiator.

Poltuda's first brush with political leadership was in Class IX

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

LONG before Pranab Mukherjee began his political career in the late sixties, Poltu, as he was known in Mirati, his ancestral village in West Bengal's Birbhum district, had his first brush with political leadership. Budhhadeb Konai from Mukherjee's village re-

called how the departed leader once led a boycott in Class IX at the Kirnahar Shib Chandra High School. "One morning, the headmaster found some furniture broken and he held the students of the class responsible. The headmaster ordered them to pay a fine. But Poltuda protested and led a boycott," said Konai,

quoting Mukherjee's classmate, Mihir Chattopadhyay. Old timers at Mirati recounted how the boy next door set out on a journey from Bengal's nondescript pocket to the corridors of Parliament and the lawns of Rashtrapati Bhawan.

"In my childhood, I used to see him playing football as a defender at

our village. Not only in the football field, he was equally at ease at stopping the opposition in the political arena," Konai said. Konai said although Mukherjee's classmates were no more, they told him many tales about the former President. "A minister once visited their school. The headmaster of the school had asked

students of Class IX and X to narrate the school's problem to the minister. When none of them dared to stand up, Poltuda stood up and volunteered with his oratory and reasoning skills. The minister was impressed."

Mukherjee's neighbours at Mirati and its adjoining Kirnahar village recounted how he re-

mained unchanged even at the height of his political career. "He used to visit his ancestral house on Durga Puja and Kali Puja every year. We used to go there and meet him. As President, he was well aware of grass-root level issues, right from a broken culvert to a potholes on road," said Rabi Chatterjee, a close aide.



RAM NATH KOVIND, PRESIDENT

Sad to hear that former President Pranab Mukherjee is no more....The nation mourns losing one of its worthiest sons. Condolences to his family, friends & all citizens



SONIA GANDHI, CONGRESS CHIEF

Pranab Da had been such an integral and prominent part of national life, the Congress party and the central government for over five decades. It is hard to imagine how we can do without his wisdom, experience, sage advice and deep understanding

MANMOHAN SINGH, FORMER PM

Our country has lost one of its greatest leaders of Independent India. He and I worked very closely in the Government, I depended on him a great deal for his wisdom, vast knowledge, experience



SHEIKH HASINA, BANGLADESH PRIME MINISTER

I always recall with profound respect his invaluable contributions to our Liberation War. In a bad time, Pranab Mukherjee always enquired about my family and stood beside us in any of our necessity

MAMATA BANERJEE, WEST BENGAL CM

An era has ended. For decades, he was a father figure. From my first win as MP, to being my senior Cabinet colleague, to his becoming President while I was CM. So many memories



SHARMISTHA MUKHERJEE, DAUGHTER

I bow to all... Baba, taking the liberty to quote from your favourite poet to say your final goodbye to all. You have led a full, meaningful life in service of the nation, in service of our people. I feel blessed to have been born as your daughter

STATESMAN

Pranab was party, government's ace troubleshooter

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

AS the union finance minister in the summer of 2012, the late Pranab Mukherjee revealed his love for long walks in the morning. "I love to walk in the morning, all by myself and my thoughts," he said in an interview.

"The President's House, Rashtrapati Bhavan, has large lawns," he added rather cryptically. His predecessor, Pratibha Patil's, term was coming to an end in July and Mukherjee's comments set tongues wagging in the power corridors of New Delhi.

Was he eying the President's post? If he were to become the First Citizen of the country, how would his party, the Congress, tide over political and other crises given his reputation as an ace troubleshooter, a go-to man?

The questions swirled but sure enough, he was nominated as the party's Presidential candidate and with ended his more than four decades-old political career.

The politician's politician was an indispensable part of both the Congress and the government but never became Number One. Documenting his disappointment in his book, *The Coalition Years (1996-2012)*, he wrote: "I returned with a vague impression that she (Sonia Gandhi) might wish to consider Manmohan Singh as the UPA presidential nominee. I thought that if she selected Singh for the presidential office, she may choose me as the prime minister. I had heard a rumour that she had given this formulation a serious thought while on a holiday in the Kaushambi Hills".

Former PM Manmohan Singh, who along with Sonia Gandhi was present at the book release in October 2017, had said: "Pranabji had reasons to feel the grievance, he was better qualified. Well, Pranabji knew I had no choice in the matter or any part in the decision." All three had a laugh at Singh's candid confession.

Mukherjee had everything in his bio to hold the top office. Many cite his trust deficit with the Gandhis, after he fell out with Rajiv for reportedly revealing his ambitions for the highest office post-Indira Gandhi's assassination. This could have led Sonia to choose Manmohan Singh over him in 2004 as the Prime Minister.

He played a key role in guiding Sonia after she entered active politics in 1998 and over the years both shared a comfortable relationship of mutual respect and appreciation. Mukherjee was awarded the Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian award, in 2019 by the Modi government, fuelling speculation. But he had been a Congressman all his life. In 2018, he left the Congress red-faced after accepting an RSS invitation to address swayamsevaks in Nagpur. He enjoyed a good relationship with the Modi government during his tenure as the President. Known as "man of all seasons," his former party colleagues remember him as an avid reader with vast knowledge of national and international affairs, a photographic memory, mastery of parliamentary procedures, extraordinary drafting skills with knowledge of history. He was respected across party lines for being a skilful administrator, able negotiator and possessed a quality to build consensus among disparate political groups in Parliament. For the party, he was the "go-to" man during the UPA regime before he took over as President in July 2012. Many senior Congress leaders have publicly said the party might have averted the 2014 drubbing had Mukherjee become the PM in 2004. He was elected to the Rajya Sabha five times from 1969 and twice to the Lok Sabha from 2004. He was a member of the Congress Working Committee, the top decision-making body of the party for 23 years. Born in a small village of Mirati in Birbhum District of West Bengal, Mukherjee's father was a Congress leader who took part in India's struggle for independence. Before joining politics in 1969, he worked as a clerk, assistant professor and journalist in Kolkata. Under the mentoring of Indira Gandhi, Mukherjee's rise was rapid as he went on to become her most trusted lieutenant. But after her death in 1984, he was sidelined by Rajiv and was not inducted in the cabinet. He was sent back to West Bengal as the state party chief, which saw him forming his own political outfit, the Rashtriya Samajbadi Congress. He merged his party into the Congress in 1989 after a truce with Rajiv. After Rajiv's assassination in 1991, he was not inducted into the PV Narasimha Rao cabinet though both were very good friends.

Speed up land acquisition for defence corridor: Centre to UP

Two nodes in Agra and Lucknow are in focus of Defence Ministry for completing the project

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Centre has reportedly asked the Yogi Adityanath government to speed up the ambitious UP Defence Corridor project, especially the land acquisition exercise. The corridor is expected to come up over nearly 5,000 hectares across six districts — Aligarh, Agra, Jhansi, Chitrakoot, Kanpur and Lucknow.

The state government is reported to have acquired over 1,300 hectares across the six nodes for the ₹20,000-crore project. Manufacturing projects with a proposed investment of ₹3,732 crore have also been announced. These investments include ₹1,077 crore by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), ₹1,200 crore by Bharat Electronic Limited (BEL), ₹240 crore by PTC Industries, ₹200 crore by Bharat Forge and ₹900 crore by Kanpur-based MKU.

Sources said Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, in a meeting with the state authorities recently, asked them to complete all the ongoing projects in consonance with their timeline. State government authorities were also directed to work in coordination with the investors to redress their grievances.

Singh was specific in directing the state authorities to expedite the land acquisition formalities across two nodes—Agra and Lucknow. Highly placed sources said nearly 90 per cent or over 1,300 hectares of the total 1,461 hectares approved so far for the corridor had been acquired by the state. Process for the identification of land on the outskirts of Lucknow and outside the Taj Trapezium Zone in Agra districts was on.

Meanwhile, UP additional chief secretary and UPEIDA CEO Awanish Awasthi told the defence minister that so far, 32 MoUs have been signed for projects related to the defence corridor. He also claimed that proposals from investors based in South Korea and Ukraine were also received by the state government. He also apprised the Singh of the proposed investment by Titan Aviation and Aerospace India Ltd to the tune of ₹36,000 crore in Jhansi, for which the detailed project report had been submitted.



An Indian Army vehicle moves towards LAC in Leh on Monday | PTI

Srinagar-Leh route closed

After the fresh transgression bid by the PLA along the LAC in eastern Ladakh, the authorities on Monday closed the strategic 434-km-long Srinagar-Leh highway for civilians to allow smooth passage of army convoys and equipment to Ladakh.

Cong takes a swipe at PM

The Congress asked when will PM Narendra Modi show his "red eyes" to China. "Another brazen attempt at aggression by China in Pangong Tso Lake... Our armed forces are standing fearlessly to protect Mother India. But, when will Modi ji show his red eyes," it asked.

'TIME TO MATCH CHINESE AGGRESSION, NOT BE TIMID'



LT GEN RAJAN BAKHSI (RETD)
Former Central Army commander
& 14 Corps commander based in Ladakh

EVER since the Galwan Valley incident took place, reports of Chinese provocation in eastern Ladakh have been occurring at regular intervals. The provocation on the intervening night of August 29-30 near the southern bank of the Pangong Tso is mischievous and condemnable. The Chinese have lived up to their reputation of ignoring agreements/understandings reached between the two countries after much deliberation and time-consuming processes.

The LAC is the area of Chushul runs south of the Pangong Tso and has had Chinese presence opposite Chushul since May this year. It may be pertinent to highlight that Chushul retains an immense operational value and has to be held by us at all costs. The loss of this vital ground could open the ingress routes to areas such as Darbuk, then onto the Shyok, Nubra and Leh Valleys.

In 1962, the main Chinese offensive in Ladakh was also in the Chushul Sector. Since the information on the latest operation is scanty, it may be prudent to assume that the provocative action could not have been on a large scale.

Considering the fact that both the armies have been deployed in large strength and have faced each other over a

rather long period, such limited action can always get triggered on minor issues having local dynamics.

The dragon is certainly a very different adversary to handle. But, if we display timidity or there is inaction on our response, he could invariably keep provoking us at regular intervals, retaining the initiative and forcing us to remain on the reactive mode.

Such provocations are likely to keep occurring at different locations and with varying intensity. The answer lies in matching the dragon with equal or greater boldness in our thoughts, words and action. We need to learn and master his cunning thought process, dealing with his stubbornness and his methodology of undertaking activities in a proactive scenario.

It is indeed surprising that after all these months of our forward deployment, we have

not been able to retain the initiative and provoke the dragon even once while he continues to remain belligerent and follows his own terms of reference. It is time that we exhibit our resolve on the ground.

In the immediate term, we should undertake provocative action in Demchok and/or Chumar Sectors. He is sensitive to both these areas. In case we can extend such action to the central sector, the axis beyond Lipulekh pass and thrust towards the Ngari airfield would be good options.

In the long term, we need to examine our force structuring for application on the northern borders with China. One can already visualise the LAC transforming into an LoC with far greater force levels to hold vital areas and permanent deployment to negate any misadventure by the Chinese.

In any case, it is now an operational imperative to revive the raising of the mountain strike corps. In fact, in keeping with the recent developments in Ladakh, the requirement now is to have two mountain strike corps, one for Ladakh and the central sector and the other for Arunachal/Sikkim. Considering all this and the two-front war scenario, we need conscientious and committed resolve to substantially raise the defence expenditure.

BHUSHAN CONTEMPT CASE

Judges are also bound by ethics, code of conduct: SC

KANU SARDA @ New Delhi

IN its Monday sentencing, the apex court on Monday had a word of advice for judges and lawyers — judicial norms, ethics, and code of conduct are sacrosanct.

"Truth can be the defence to the Judges also, but they are bound by their judicial norms, ethics, and code of conduct," said a three-judge bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra.

The top court touched on the unprecedented press conference in 2018 when four SC judges spoke to the media regarding their differences with the CJI. "We hope it was the first and the last occasion that the judges have gone to the press, and God gives wisdom to protect its dignity by internal mechanism, particularly, when allegations made, if any, publicly cannot be met by sufferer judges."

The bench went on to explain how the right of freedom of speech and expression can't be misused. "Though there is a freedom of speech, freedom is never absolute because the makers of the Constitution have imposed certain restrictions upon it. Particularly, when such freedom of speech is sought to be abused, and it has the effect of scandalising the institution as a whole and the persons who are part of the said institution and can't defend themselves publicly, the same can't be permitted in law."

"The court can't abdicate its duty and has to be uninfluenced by the statements published in various articles published in the media and opinions expressed therein. It has to decide the case uninfluenced by such opinions," the bench said.



Prashant Bhushan addresses the media in New Delhi on Monday | SHEKHAR YADAV

'Will pay fine, reserve my right to file review'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

LAWYER Prashant Bhushan said on Monday he will submit the token fine of ₹1 imposed by the Supreme Court in the contempt case for his tweets against the judiciary, adding that he will file a review plea against the order.

"While I reserve the right to seek a review of the conviction and sentencing, by way of an appropriate legal remedy, I propose to submit myself to this order and will respectfully pay the fine, just as I would have submitted to any other lawful punishment," he said.

Bhushan was held guilty of contempt and fined for his tweets on Chief Justice of India (CJI) S A Bobde and former CJIs. In one of his tweets, Bhushan had commented on a photo of CJI Bobde astride

a Harley Davidson bike. In the other, he had criticised the incumbent and past CJIs.

Defending his tweets during the conference, Bhushan said they were not intended to disrespect the SC or judiciary but to express anguish at

what he felt was a "deviation from its sterling past record". He also said the contempt proceedings against him became a "watershed moment for freedom of speech" and it has "encouraged many people to stand up and speak against the injustices in our society".

"My tweets were not intended in any way to disrespect the SC or the judiciary as a whole, but were merely meant to express my anguish... Every Indian wants a strong and independent judiciary. If the courts get weakened, it weakens the republic..." he said.

'Faith in system, foundation for rule of law'

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"He has attempted to denigrate the reputation of the institution of administration of justice of which he himself is a part. At the cost of repetition, we have to state that the faith

of the citizens of the country in the institution of justice is the foundation for rule of law which is an essential factor in the democratic set up," it said.

Commenting on the unprecedented press conference by four seniormost Supreme

Court judges in January 2018 against the then CJI, the bench said, "We hope it was the first and the last occasion that the Judges have gone to press, and God gives wisdom to protect its dignity by internal mechanism."

EXPRESS READ

CBI questions Rhea Chakraborty for 8 hours

New Delhi: The CBI on Monday questioned actor Rhea Chakraborty and her brother Shwink for over eight hours in connection with the Sushant Singh Rajput death case. This was the fourth straight day of questioning of Rhea, accused of abetting Rajput's suicide, who was found hanging on June 14.

SC rules states can grant quota to in-service docs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday ruled that the Medical Council of India (MCI) is not empowered to make regulations on reservation for in-service candidates for admission to post-graduate medical courses.

A five-judge bench, headed by Justice Arun Mishra, held that MCI is a statutory body whose purpose is to regulate medical education and profession, but the right to provide reservation in admissions rests with the respective state governments.

"States can frame regulations for separate entry for such in-

service candidates. Such doctors, who are already working, should, however, be mandated to serve in rural and tribal areas for five years," the bench ruled. It held that the MCI regulation that barred such reservation was "unconstitutional and arbitrary".

The apex court then directed the states to formulate a

scheme for rural and remote service by in-service doctors after completing their postgraduate degree.

The court was responding to a plea by doctors from Kerala, Maharashtra and Haryana saying, granting reservation benefits would encourage those working in government hospitals and in rural areas.

Vaccine trials: PGIMER to recruit volunteers

PGIMER will start recruiting volunteers for phase 2 and 3 trials of the Covidshield vaccine to test safety, efficiency, and immunogenicity by the first week of September. The trial agreement is almost at the last stage of endorsement. An online link will be uploaded to allow volunteers to sign up for the trial. PGI is among the 17 sites which have been finalised for human trial of the Covidshield vaccine candidate against the infection developed by the Oxford University and company Astra Zeneca. The PGIMER will recruit 250 healthy volunteers after screening 1,600 out of 20,00 volunteers.



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CHANDIGARH DIARY

GMADA notice to acquire 737 acres for Aerotropolis

The Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA) has issued a notification to acquire 737 acres of land for independent township Aerotropolis, an extension of Aerocity near the international airport. The notice was issued under Section 19 of the Land Acquisition Act. The Aerotropolis project is spread over 5,400 acres. In the first phase land will be acquired in Chau Majra, Saini Majra, Patton, Manauli, Siaun and Matran of Mohali district. The remaining land will be acquired in Badi, Kurdi, Kishanpur, Safipur and Kishanpura villages. The township will comprise both residential and commercial spaces and will come up on both sides of the Zirakpur-Banur road. The GMADA is expected to offer ₹2.5 to ₹3 crore per acre compensation for the land.



₹ 7 cr collected through Covid cess on liquor

The Chandigarh Municipal Corporation has collected ₹7 crore through the 5 per cent Covid-19 cess levied on wholesale sale of liquor over the last three months. There are 124 liquor vends in the city. The Covid-19 cess was imposed on the liquor vends across Chandigarh on May 21 and will be levied up to December 31 as per the orders of the Chandigarh Administration. The municipal corporation also collects a cow cess of ₹5 per bottle. The corporation has also decided to create an exclusive budget head named Covid-19 expenditure for making provisions of up to ₹20 crore in 2020-21 budget.

UT tops India in GST returns compliance

Chandigarh has secured the first position in the country in the filing of monthly GST returns by achieving 99% compliance against the national average of 87%. The excise and taxation department is expecting to achieve 100% compliance in next fifteen days as it is considering legal action against some defaulters. If they fail to file their returns, their GST registrations will be cancelled. Chandigarh had accomplished 100% compliance in years 2017-2018 and 2018-19 also. The department had launched Mission 100% in January and almost got the target with the help of Chandigarh Beopar Mandal and CCI.



Economic data signals the worst may not be over

The massive contraction in GDP in the first quarter is accompanied by declining tax collections, mounting government debt, and an ever-widening fiscal deficit. All these factors are set to throw up fresh challenges for the Indian economy, only made worse by the steady rise in the number of new Covid-19 cases

WIPE-OUT!

FY20 FY21 All figures in % change (y-o-y)

AGRICULTURE AND ALLIED SECTORS

3 3.4

With the rural hinterlands relatively protected from high Covid-19 cases, and consequently seeing less stringent lockdowns, agriculture and other rural industries fared far better than their peers with centres in urban areas.

MINING & QUARRYING

4.7 -23.3

The lockdowns imposed in the early part of the year removed almost all economic activity out of the picture and mines were no different. Apart from disruptions to operations, plunging industrial demand also hit hard.

MANUFACTURING

3 -39.3

Among the worst hit was the larger manufacturing sector. Factories remained closed for almost two months, and demand for most discretionary products tanked along with incomes as job and salary cuts abounded.

ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER UTILITIES

8.8 -7

Utility services, most of which were declared as essential by the government and hence allowed to work through the lockdowns, were not as badly hit as some other sectors. But the impact was still felt as overall consumption shrunk.

CONSTRUCTION

5.2 -50.3

Construction was the worst-hit, and the closing down of construction sites across India led to large scale job losses to migrant labourers. The sector is still struggling to get back on its feet, with a labour shortage making matters worse.

TRADE, HOTELS, TRANSPORT, & COMMS

3.5 -47

After construction, this was the worst-hit sector, with nearly half of production decimated by the lockdowns. With movement restrictions still in force in many areas, the outlook does not look very promising either.

FINANCIAL, REALTY AND PROF SERVICES

6 -5.3

The financial sector, also considered as essential, did not face many problems on the operations side. However, the overall economic weakness was reflected in the 5.3 per cent contraction the foundational sector recorded during the period.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION & DEFENCE

7.7 -10.3

Government spending took a large hit as revenue from tax collections hit rock bottom. In fact, the Centre has recently instructed government departments to keep a tight fist when it comes to regular expenditure and cut costs.



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P Chidambaram, NC leader



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D Raja, CPI leader

Suggestions, warnings on economic impact were ignored: Oppn

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE opposition squarely blamed the Narendra Modi government for the massive GDP slide, with senior leaders claiming that the Centre remained blind to the stuttering economy.

According to former finance minister P Chidambaram, first quarter GDP declining by a whopping 23.9 per cent should be a matter of shame to the government that did nothing to cushion the fall by taking suitable fiscal and welfare measures.

"The estimates do not come as a surprise. They should be a matter of surprise to the government that was seeing 'green shoots' on several days during the first quarter. About one quarter of the gross domestic output as on 30-6-2019 has been wiped out in the last 12 months. "Another way of looking at it is, since the end of 2019-20, the gross domestic output has fallen by about 20 per cent," Chidambaram said, adding, "the Finance Minister who blamed an 'Act of God' for the economic decline should be grateful to the farmers and the gods who blessed the farmers."

The economic tragedy was

foretold by many close observers of the Indian economy, most recently by the RBI in its Annual Report, he pointed out. "We had warned the government and we had urged the government to take preventive and pre-emptive measures. Our pleas fell on deaf ears."

Chidambaram's party colleague and Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot claimed that the people were bearing the brunt of the Centre's inefficiency. "NDA Govt has not taken any steps to improve situation. All warnings ignored," he said.

CPI leader D Raja said that the economy was in a poor shape even before the pandemic hit the country.

"Economy is sick and sinking. Only PM and his team do not agree. Even before Covid hit India, economy was in bad shape. Covid has added to that...And, the Finance Minister is talking about Act of God. They don't want to acknowledge the reality, that is the problem. It is almost recession and there is no possibility of reversing the trend," the leader said.

No steps for support

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ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Indian economy's record 23.9 per cent contraction in the first quarter, declining tax collection, mounting debt, and an ever-widening fiscal deficit all signal fresh economic challenges for the Centre, made worse by the fact that the number of fresh Covid-19 cases continue to record new highs.

The economy, which had already started slowing down long before the pandemic struck, has been further dis-

rupted by Covid-19 containment measures.

Another contraction in the July-September quarter will push India officially into recession territory, and while economists remain divided on how much the economy will contract—estimates vary from 6-10 per cent—they agree that contract it will.

Despite several measures by both the government and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to provide respite to different sectors and borrowers, including

a ₹20 lakh crore economic package, a 1.15 percentage point reduction in policy interest rates, and the gradual unlocking of economy, it is unlikely to reach pre-Covid growth levels in a hurry.

Going by the numbers, economic performance has been dented by a sharp contraction in three key production sub-sectors: manufacturing; construction; trade, hotels, transport, and communication.

These sub-sectors which account for as much as 45 per cent of India's GDP suffered massive disruption during the period.

According to the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), manufacturing, construction and trade sectors reported a massive slump of 39.3 per cent, 50.3 per cent, and 47 per cent, respectively. Going forward, an overall slowdown in government spending on in-

frastructure, and new containment zones will keep these activities further restricted, at least in the second quarter.

Meanwhile, Private final consumption expenditure (PFCE) fell 54.3 per cent—a reasonable proxy to gauge household spending. With mounting job losses and salary cuts, private consumption may not bounce back soon. A high fiscal deficit will also further strain Centre-State relations due to the shortfall in GST compensation.

MONTHLY GROWTH RATE OF EIGHT CORE SECTORS



Core sector output falls for fifth month in a row

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE eight core industries as classified by the government contracted by 9.6 per cent in July for the fifth month in a row, albeit at a slower rate than earlier after the government continued to relax the lockdowns.

Except fertiliser, which grew at 6.9 per cent during July, all remaining sectors—coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, steel, cement, and electricity—recorded contractions.

The output of steel, refinery products, cement, natural gas, coal, crude oil and electricity declined by 16.5 per cent, 13.9 per cent, 13.5 per cent, 10.2 per cent, 5.7 per cent, 4.9 per cent and 2.3 per cent respectively.

"The combined index of eight core industries stood at 119.9 in July 2020 which declined by 9.6 (provisional) per cent as compared to the index of July 2019. Its cumulative growth during April to July 2020-21 was minus 20.5 per cent," said a statement from

the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The production of eight core sectors had expanded by 2.6 per cent in July last year. The eight industries have a 40 per cent weight in the index of industrial production (IIP).

According to the government's Chief Economic Advisor, KV Subramanian, despite the contraction, there are signs of visible recovery in the trend of industrial output numbers over the summer.

"Core sector growth, which had declined by 30 per cent in April, shows gradual improvement—22 per cent decline in May, 13 per cent in June and 9.6 per cent in July. The core sector is clearly showing a recovery," the CEA added.

And experts claim that going forward, there will be more easing sign in IIP numbers.

ICRA Ltd Principal Economist Aditi Nayar said "We expect the contraction in the Industrial Index of Production (IIP) to ease to 7-11 per cent in July 2020 from 16.6 per cent in June 2020".

Fiscal deficit breaches budget target in just four months, outlook gloomy

ANURADHA SHUKLA @ New Delhi

INDIA'S fiscal deficit has breached the full-year target set in the Budget in the month of July itself. Data released on Monday showed that this figure stood at ₹8.21 lakh crore at the end of July, or 103 per cent of the budget estimate for the whole year.

Fiscal deficit is the difference between a country's income (such as tax revenues) and expenditure. Post-pandemic, the government's revenue has plunged, even as expenditure has soared.

The Union Budget, announced before the Covid-19 outbreak, had pegged the fiscal deficit for FY21 at ₹7.96 lakh crore—3.5 per cent of GDP

(Gross Domestic Product).

But, the government's direct tax collections up to this period stand at just ₹1.49 lakh crore compared to ₹2.21 lakh crore last year. Income tax collection stood at ₹91,244 crore against ₹1.28 lakh crore.

Corporate tax collection saw a steep decline of 39 per cent at ₹53,724 crore. So, while total receipts for the first quarter stood at ₹2.32 lakh crore, expenditure was ₹10.54 lakh crore, 34.7 per cent of budget estimates.

Economists say a double-digit rise in expenditure amidst the ongoing revenue shock will reinforce challenges posed to fiscal management. According to Aditi Nair, Chief Economist ICRA,

"The economic uncertainty... will dampen direct tax collections... though the pace of contraction would ease in subsequent months".

With the Centre admitting to a GST collection shortfall of ₹3 lakh crore, and planning additional borrowing to plug that hole, the outlook is not too rosy. The IMF has already predicted that deficit for this year will touch 7 per cent of GDP. It already recorded a seven-year high of 4.6 per cent in the previous fiscal.

And the fallout is visible. The Centre has announced expenditure cuts; subsidy payouts are lower, as is spending on the social sector. Despite subsidised food distribution, food subsidy was 49 per cent of the budget against 59 per cent last year.

Industry calls for festive season GST cuts to boost recovery

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Indian economy has witnessed a drastic contraction in quarterly GDP, shrinking 23.9 per cent in the first quarter of the ongoing financial year. To counter the damage, the industry said that the government should step in aggressively and roll out the next set of fiscal and monetary measures to bolster slackening demand.

According to former chief statistician Pronab Sen, GDP

fall may "underestimate the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic" since the NSO might have come up with a much lower contraction considering that corporate data was used as a proxy for the informal sector.

Govinda Rao, Chief Economist Advisor, Brickwork ratings echoed similar sentiments. "The absence of data on the informal sector, which was among the worst hit sectors during the first quarter of 2020-21 due to the lockdown,

The festive season has already begun and some positive signaling from the government, by way of GST cut for instance, might give a push to consumption activity

Sangita Reddy, President, FICCI

these GDP numbers may only be revised downwards," he said, warning that the economy has entered a recession. The industry, meanwhile, an-

icipates a recovery in the second half of the year supported by government measures.

"The government through the Atma Nirbhar package has given significant impetus. There is now a need to have enhanced focus on execution. In addition, the government may consider further measures like putting more money in hands of the vulnerable and weaker sections of society. The festive season has already begun and some positive signaling, by

way of GST cut for instance, might give a push to consumption activity," said Sangita Reddy, President, FICCI. CII Director General Chandrajit Banerjee, too, expects "a recovery in the second half" led by supportive fiscal and monetary policies. "Growth in the farm sector (+3.2 per cent) and government spending (16.4 per cent), he said, has provided some cheer, and the gradual lifting of lockdowns is likely to improve economic activity.

Reliance Power defaults on payment of ₹300 cr

New Delhi: Reliance Power on Monday said it has defaulted on payment of principal and interest totalling to ₹300.22 crore. The company defaulted on payment of ₹300.22 crore, including the interest amount of ₹2.22 crore which was to have been paid on July 31, 2020, it said in a stock exchange filing. The default was made on loans it had taken from Axis Bank, Yes Bank, IDBI Bank and Lakshmi Vilas Bank, the company added.

EXPRESS READ

CBDT chairman PC Mody gets 6-month extension

New Delhi: Pramod Chandra Mody was on Monday given a six-month extension till February next year as the chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved extension in re-appointment of Mody as the CBDT chairman for a period of six months with effect from September 1 this year to February 28, 2021.

Govt extends FY20 GST return filing date

New Delhi: The government on Monday extended by 2 months the due date for filing of annual GST returns for 2019-20 by composition dealers to October 31. This is the second extension in as many months given by the government. The original deadline for filing the return was July 15, which was earlier extended till August 31, said the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) in a tweet.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

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CDH is progressing well to build injectable/vaccine/biosimilars as additional levers of growth for the next 2-3 years. Net debt down to ₹52b (from ₹67b) at end-FY20 due to better working capital management, has guided for further reduction of ₹10b by FY21. We expect 21% earnings CAGR.

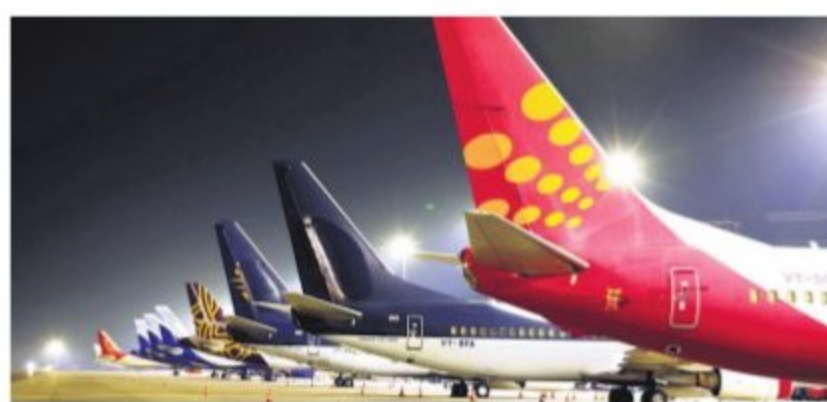
— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

Adani to take over control of Mumbai Airport

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

AFTER having fancied the lucrative Mumbai Airport for months, Gautam Adani-led Adani Group announced on Monday that it has finalised a deal to acquire a controlling interest in Mumbai International Airport Ltd. (MIAL), from GVK Group and other shareholders. According to the deal, Adani will buy a 74 per cent stake in MIAL—50.50 per cent from GVK and 23.5 per cent from ACSA and Bidvest.

Adani will also be operating the upcoming Navi Mumbai Airport since MIAL holds a 74 per cent equity stake in the project. With the new acquisition, Adani has emerged a formidable player in the airport operating business. The Group was previously awarded opera-



tions of six AAI Airports—Jaipur, Guwahati, Thiruvananthapuram, Ahmedabad, Lucknow and Mangaluru—for 50 years. The development also comes nearly two months after the CBI registered a case against GVK Group for siphoning off funds totaling ₹705 crore. It is also facing a probe by the Enforcement Directo-

rate (ED).

Under the agreement, Adani will infuse funds into MIAL to provide liquidity support and would also be acquiring the debt of various GVK lenders including a Goldman Sachs-led consortium and HDFC.

The debt-laden GVK Group has been facing pressure from its lenders to raise funds and

meet their liabilities. In October last year, GVK entered into an agreement to sell 79 per cent in GVK Airport Holdings for ₹7,614 crore.

"The aviation industry has been severely impacted by COVID-19, setting it back by many years and has impacted the financials of MIAL. It was therefore important, that we bring in a financially strong investor in the shortest possible time to improve the financial position of MIAL, as well as to help achieve Financial Closure of the Navi Mumbai International Airport project, which is a project of national importance. It is under these circumstances that we agreed to cooperate with Adani so as to achieve these twin objectives," said GVK Reddy, Founder & Chairman, GVK.



Australian leg-spinner Adam Zampa has been included in the Royal Challengers Bangalore squad for IPL 2020, the franchise announced on Monday. He replaces fellow countryman Kane Richardson, who has pulled out of the tournament with the pacer expecting birth of his first child. The leggie will strengthen their spin department, which also includes India's Yuzvendra Chahal among others.

'Best way to deal with awards snub is results'

Anand hopes Chess Olympiad show will get ministry's attention

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Chennai

THE last time an Indian chess player won the Arjuna Award? 2013. The last time an Indian chess player won the Khel Ratna? 1992. The last time an Indian chess coach won the Dronacharya Award? 2006. It also reveals how the sport has fallen out of favour with the sports ministry. Even though Dronavalli Harika was honoured with the Padma Shri in 2019, the country's chess stars have largely been conspicuous by their absence during awards season.

Multiple time world champion Viswanathan Anand hopes the Olympiad gold on Sunday will rectify that 'striking statistic' of zero Arjuna awards in six years. "It's quite a striking statistic that there's been a long time since somebody from chess won an Arjuna or a Dronacharya award." The dearth of



awards might suggest a lack of performance but that isn't true. In the last six years alone, the country has produced a world champion, multiple Grandmasters as well its first medal (bronze in 2014) at the Olympiad.

Anand, who has won all the above mentioned awards, opined that maybe the sports ministry don't see chess the way it used to earlier. "I would say the last few years, there has been a drop off in the attitude of the sports ministry towards

chess. I don't mean this at a personal level, just institutionally, we no longer get awards for international competitions like Commonwealth and Asian (events). They brought in a new code of conduct and our federation has had some difficulty in (following the code).

But Anand, who was speaking in a Zoom press conference to commemorate India's Olympiad win, expressed hope that this step-motherly treatment will change soon. "It would be nice to reset this and sometimes the best way to reset this is not to write long letters to concerned people but to have a good result like this. I hope this result will make them look at chess the way they did so many years ago. Several years ago they recognised chess as a sport that we do incredibly well in. I hope with this result, we start coming into (the conversation) the Arjuna and Dronacharya Award."

How chess stars earned historic feat

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Chennai

A day before one of the knockout ties, Viswanathan Anand had a problem to solve. In the world of online chess, electricity is a vital currency, something Anand realised his apartment wouldn't have because of a scheduled maintenance for eight hours from 9.00 am. He wanted to avoid the scenario of playing exactly when power would be restored at 5.00 pm because he would lose valuable time reconnecting back to the server.

So the Indian team's vice captain, Srinath Narayanan, called up TNEB to sort out the issue. Anand's apartment alone got back power at 2.00 pm. In Hyderabad, the Area Engineer and the linesman placed themselves outside Koneru Humpy's residence to ensure she always had power during India's games.

It's these little details that helped India win their first ever Chess Olympiad. When Anand and Humpy were narrating these stories during a Zoom press conference on Monday, the smiles on their faces told their own story. They have enough medals to run a pawn shop on their own but Anand said "(...) very happy to put this in my trophy cabinet." The whole team, including the reserves, should be because this is a triumph like no other: This was completely planned and executed from different parts of the world. For example, P Harikrishna was logging in from Poland everyday. It was also a win forged by burning the midnight oil, computing for possible mistakes and playing a number of training ties.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

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Angelique touch in opener



Germany's Angelique Kerber returns a shot to Ajla Tomljanovic of Australia during their opening round clash at the US Open on Monday | AFP

AGENCIES @ New York

WITH some of the usual sights and sounds missing, the spectator-less US Open at Flushing Meadows kicked off on Monday.

Former winner (2016) Angelique Kerber, who's No 17 seed, got off to a winning start, beating Ajla Tomljanovic of Australia 6-4, 6-4. In another match, top seed Karolina Pliskova breezed past Ukraine's Anhelina Kalinina 6-4, 6-0. Czech Republic's Marketa Vondrousova got the better of Belgium's Greet Minnen 6-1, 6-4.

Meanwhile, organisers said that players believed to have come in contact with Benoit Paire — who tested positive for Covid-19 — will remain in the Grand Slam. Paire was removed from the men's draw.

EXPRESS READ

Aditi finishes T-49th at LPGA event in US

ROGERS (US): India golfer Aditi Ashok finished tied 49th at the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship, a LPGA event, after carding two-under 69 in the final round here. Aditi had three birdies against a sole bogey after starting from the 10th on Sunday.

Hyderabad appoint Marquez as new coach

HYDERABAD: ISL side Hyderabad FC on Monday appointed experienced Spaniard Manuel Marquez as new head coach just days after Alberto Roca left the club to join FC Barcelona support staff. The 51-year-old Spaniard has penned a one-year deal.

Colour code, 2 tests for wrestlers in Sonepat

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

LIKE NIS Patiala and Bengaluru's SAI Centre, the Sports Authority of India's regional centre in Sonepat has been divided into zones — green, yellow, orange and red — to ensure safety and protection to male wrestlers and support staff. Most of them will reach the facility for the national camp on Tuesday. The participants will stay in the green zone and have to undergo quarantine for 14 days before resuming training. They will take a rapid test for Covid-19 on Wednesday followed by RT-PCR test after five days during the period.

As many as 26 wrestlers (17 freestyle and 9 Greco-Roman) and six support staff were named for the camp. The freestyle wrestlers to attend camp are Bajrang Punia, Ravi Dahiya, Narsingh Yadav and Deepak Punia. Foreign coaches includ-

ing Georgian Temo Kazarashvili (GR) and Bajrang's personal coach Shako Bentinidis will also be there apart from their Indian counterparts. "We all will reach on Tuesday and take a rapid test the next day. Each wrestler has been allotted a single room and has to stay there till the completion of the mandatory quarantine period. We will be served food in the rooms only," one of the attendees said.

The grapplers and support staff also attended two meetings. They were informed about the dos and don'ts. Authorities from NIS Patiala and Bengaluru SAI Centre too attended the meetings.

"As Patiala and Bengaluru centres have organised national camps, they shared with us their experience and how to go about it. They also discussed the SAI's standard operating procedures," said one of the coaches.

Moral victory for AICF prez group

ATREYO MUKHOPADHYAY
@ Chennai

AS the fraternity got busy celebrating India's joint-first finish in the Online Chess Olympiad, the national federation was abuzz with something else. In a victory of sorts for the All India Chess Federation (AICF) faction headed by president PR Venketraman Raja, the Madras High Court in an interim order declared null and void a special general body meeting convened online by the rival group on April 22.

The meeting had taken drastic steps like suspending Raja, forming a five-member com-

mittee to run AICF, issuing show-cause notices to key functionaries of the Raja group, disaffiliating the state associations of Himachal, West Bengal, Andhra, Rajasthan and Maharashtra. Two other associations were given affiliation in Maharashtra and Rajasthan, while ad-hoc committees were constituted in the other three states. The order dated August 28 overrules these decisions.

Although the ultimate winner will be known after the elections, this is a setback for the faction led by secretary Bharat Singh Chauhan, who was removed from the post by Raja shortly before the online meeting.

Associations disaffiliated in that meeting are supporters of the Raja group. Staying that move means they remain on the electoral college, unless it is formed afresh. Elections are unlikely in the foreseeable future. Rules governing AICF prohibit online meetings for such purposes.

Describing developments as "... a tactical game of chess with two groups vying to checkmate the other", the order passed by Justice PT Asha said, "It is clear that the calling of the meeting, conduct of the meeting and the resolutions adopted therein are totally contrary to the Bye-Laws and the Act".

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

No.TF/GG/Tenders/Vitamins/336/2020-21 Dated:31-08-2020
Telangana Foods Invites Tenders for procurement of Vitamins & Minerals. For details Please visit website: <https://tender.eprocurement.gov.in> from 01-09-2020 at 11.00 am onwards. On line Bids submission closing date is 15.09.2020 up to 1.00 PM.

Sd/-
R.O.No:-841-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2020-21 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation
Progress through Partnership for better Bhubaneswar

Notice No: 40395 XXII (L)-39/2019 Date: 30.08.2020

Corrigendum -2 for Auction Sale Notice for Package of / Individual Parking Lots in BMC area

C-118: In reference to the Auction Sale Notice for Parking of / Individual Parking Lots in BMC area, Tender No. 31959 dated 06-08-2020, the scheduled date of submission of Tender Paper is 31.08.2020, has been extended to 10.09.2020 (up to 4.00 PM). Subsequently, the dates for opening of Tender Paper for the respective packages have been revised as mentioned below:

S.No	Description	Date & Time
1	Sale of Tender Paper	09.09.2020 (up to 5.00 PM)
2	Package-1 to Package-4	11-09-2020 at 4.30 PM
3	Package-5 to Package-9	14-09-2020 at 4.30 PM
4	Individual Parking Lots	15-09-2020 at 4.30 PM

The details of the tender are available in BMC/Zone Office notice boards and BMC Website - <http://bmc.gov.in>.

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner (Revenue)
Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation
OIPR-13002/11/0035/2021

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY SERVICES
Pashupalana Bhavan, Bellary Road, Bangalore - 560 024.

No: CAH/VMS/CR-25/T-2/Hydroponics/Re-tender/2020-21 Dated:31-08-2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement Mode Only)

The Commissioner of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore hereby invites short term tenders through e-Procurement (Website No: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>) from eligible tenderers, for purchase of **Hydroponics & P.P.E. Kits** for the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services through e-Procurement for the year 2020-21 with a validity period upto One Year.

Interested eligible tenderers may obtain further information from the Deputy Director, Veterinary Medical Stores, Hebbal, Bangalore-560 024. Complete tender documents can be viewed by visiting website : <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> from Dt: 31-08-2020

Tenderers can upload all the necessary documents accompanied by Earnest Money Deposit through e-procurement portal from 31-08-2020 to 14-09-2020 till 16.00 hours.

The Technical bid of tenders will be opened on 18-09-2020 at 11.00 A.M. onwards in the presence of tenderers or their authorized representative who choose to attend in the office of the Commissioner, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Pashu Paalana Bhavana, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bangalore-560 024.

Sd/- Deputy Director & Member Secretary
Tender Inviting Authority
Department Of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services
Bangalore - 560 024.

DIPR/DDU/961/AKAR/2020-21

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(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No: KPCL/2020-21/EL/WORK_INDENT/10276/Call-2 Date: 25.08.2020

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The details of e-tender for the below mentioned work of EE(CHP) E-2 division of RTPS published on 25.08.2020 in GoK e-portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in for the work of **Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for Motorola make VHF Wireless sets of Coal Handling Plant. Category: Works, EMD: Rs.4,350/-**. Last date for receipt of tenders: 10.09.2020 up to 15.00 Hrs. All the relevant details of the tender is available in the above mentioned e-Portal. Any clarifications may be had from the office of the Executive Engineer (CHP)E-2, RTPS, Shaktinagar-584170, Raichur Dist. Mobile No.: 9449598948.

GOVT. TOOL ROOM & TRAINING CENTRE
Rajajinagar Industrial Estate, Bengaluru-10
Phone: 080-23157189, Fax: 080-23301683
website : <https://karunadu.karnataka.gov.in/gttc>

Ref. GTTC/MCD/EXMN.DOC.MARKSCARD, CERT & CURRI/BD-220/ 2020-21 Date : 01.09.2020

SHORT - TERM MANUAL TENDER NOTIFICATION

Short-Term Manual Tender is invited for procurement of

- 1) Main Answer Booklets, 2) Practical Examination Sheets,
- 3) Drawing Sheets, 4) Marks cards, 5) Certificate &
- 6) Curriculum for GTTC Centres across Karnataka.

Last date for submitting the offer : 07.09.2020, 2.00 p.m.

Interested participants may obtain the tender application at the above address.

Sd/- Managing Director

Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited
(Wholly Owned State Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN:U40410KA2002SGC030438)

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement)

BESCOM invites tender for the following: Enquiry No.BESCOM/BCP-1225/2020-21. **Name of the Material : 1.1 kV GI Pins. Qty.: 1,00,000 Nos.** Bid Documents available from 01.09.2020 to 16.09.2020, 15:00 Hrs. Last date for Bid Submission upto 16.09.2020, 15:00 Hrs. Opening of Bid Document: 18.09.2018 at 15:15 Hrs. The Bidding documents can be downloaded through the e-procurement portal from the Web site <http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in>. Aspiring bidders need to register on e-procurement portal. Further, bidders can take assistance with e-procurement help desk at 080-46010000 / 22631200.

Sd/-, The General Manager (Ele.),
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Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: 903/SEE/T(W&M)/H/AEE(C)/20-21/CYS-20 Date: 29.08.2020

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bids for **"Block level, Geo-Technical Investigation and line survey work for establishing of sub-stations** coming under the jurisdiction of Superintending Engineer(Elect), Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Hubballi".

The detailed notification regarding the works called through the 'e-procurement' mode can be obtained by logging onto e-procurement's website: <https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in>. Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.),
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL,
Vidyuthnagar, Hubballi - 580 024.

Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mysore

CORRIGENDUM-1

With reference to the below tender, please note the extension of dates in tender sale period, submission etc.

Tender Reference No.	BARC/SMF/CFMF/EPC/2020/1
Name of work	Expression of Interest Cum pre qualification for setting up of Polymerization, Utility, HVAC, ETP and other associated systems of Process Facility at SMF project site, Challakere, Chitradurga Dt, Karnataka
Tender Sale Period	Tender sale period is extended up to 14.09.2020 (15:00 Hrs.) on website www.tenderwizard.com/DAE .

For other changes in dates of pre bid clarifications, Last date and time of closing of online submission of tenders, Last date for submission of original documents towards Receipt of e-payment towards Tender Processing Fee and EMD, Date and time of online opening of EOI tender etc, please download the corrigendum documents in website www.tenderwizard.com/dae under this tender.

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KUIDFC - KIUWMIP, RPMU, No. 3371/27-56/P2, 'Ratna', First Floor, Above Yamaha Show Room, Telagi Ujjappa Layout, Vinayaka Nagara, P. B. Road, Davangere-577 006
Phone: 08192-224433, 224477 E-mail: rpmmukiuwmipdavanagere@gmail.com

No: KUIDFC-KIUWMIP/RPMU-DVG/Tender/OBA-T/2020-21/3535 Dated: 29/08/2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement)

Online short term tenders are invited under KPPP Act 1999 and rules made there under in two (cover) bid system from the intending and eligible Class-1 contractors for the works under ADB Assisted - Jalasiri Scheme as mentioned in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs)
1	Constructions of Toilets in Schools, Anganwadis and Colleges at Davangere CC limit (Package-1)	86.29	1,72,582
2	Constructions of Toilets in Schools, Anganwadis and Colleges at Davangere CC limit (Package-2)	86.50	1,73,017
3	Constructions of Toilets in Schools, Anganwadis and Colleges at Davangere CC limit (Package-3)	85.63	1,71,276
4	Constructions of Toilets in Schools, Anganwadis and Colleges at Davangere CC limit (Package-4)	64.24	1,28,630
5	Constructions of Toilets in Schools, Anganwadis and Colleges at Harihara CMC limit	81.22	1,62,453
6	Constructions of Toilets in Schools, Anganwadis and Colleges at Ranebennur CMC limit.	86.50	1,73,014

The detailed Tender Document may be downloaded from <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> website for information. The bids shall be submitted online before Dt. 12/09/2020, 16.30 PM. The Technical bid will be opened as mentioned in the e-procurement portal. For any further clarifications, the above Office may be contacted.

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PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001
Corporate Identity No. : U40109PB2010SGC03813, Website : www.pspcl.in

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Press note)

Enquiry No.: 93/SE/Th.Op/CD-28/Vol-IX/D&M/GHTP/2020 Dated 26.08.2020

Short Description : To provide assistance to staff working under Chemical Department GHTP, Lehra Mohabat, in general & shift duty (round the clock), for operation of Water Treatment Plant and Coal & Environment Laboratory Stage-I&II.

EMD : The tenders shall be required to submit fixed earnest money of Rupees Two Lakhs Sixty Six Thousands only (i.e. Rs. 2.66 Lakhs) online on the website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Date & Time upto which tender shall be submission : 28.09.2020 up to 11:30 hrs.
Date & Time of opening of tender : 30.09.2020 at 12:00 hrs.

Tender specification can only be downloaded from website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

Note:

1. The prospective bidders can obtain clarification regarding tender specifications from this office. For registration of digital signatures and uploading of tender information may be sought from M/s E-procure Technologies Ltd., Contact No. 0172-2970263.
2. It is informed that in case the tender process is not completed due to any reason no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Detail regarding corrigendum may be seen on website i.e <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

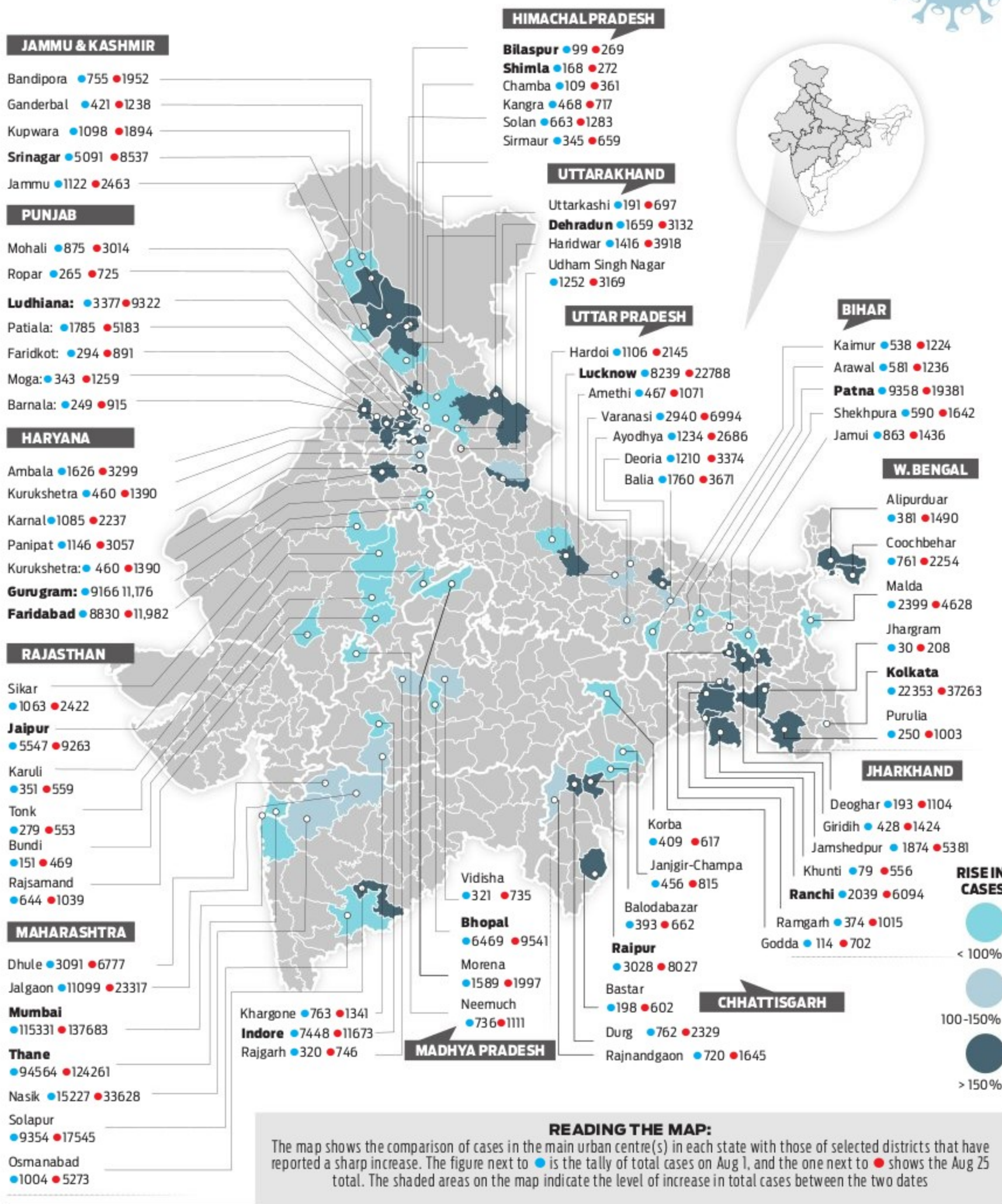
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samples India has tested cumulatively up to Sunday for the Covid-19 disease, according to the tally maintained by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)



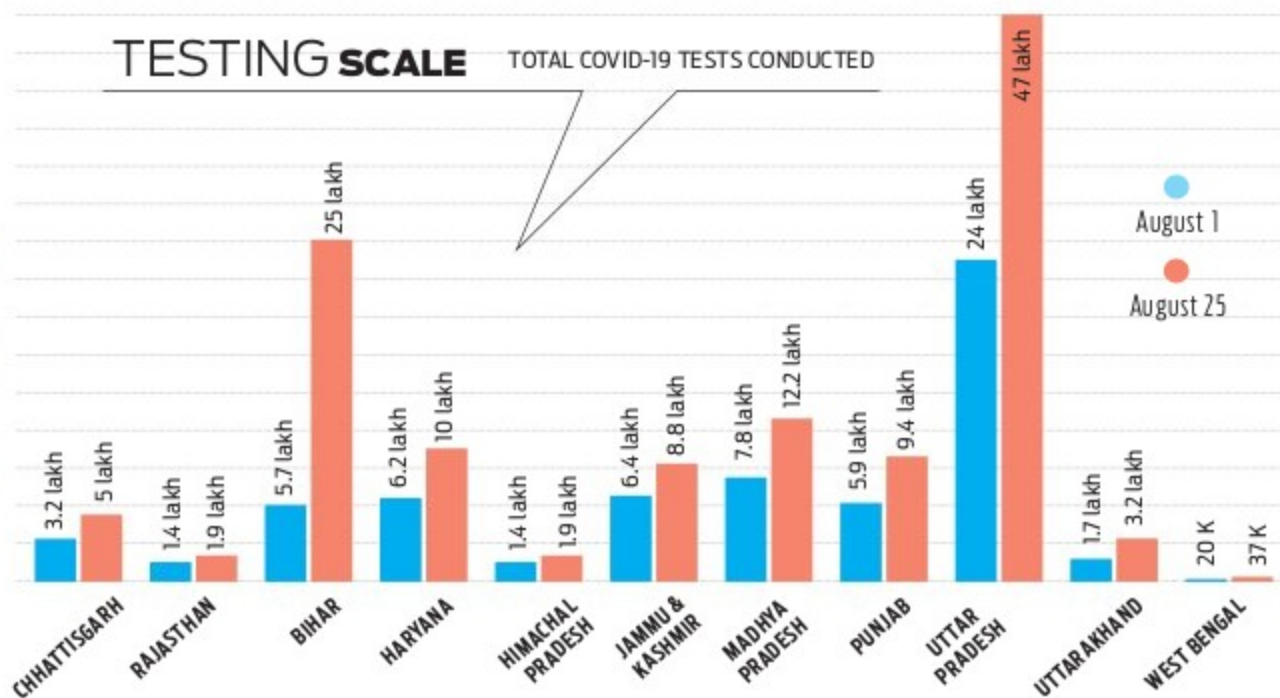
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Continuing our focus on the explosion of infections primarily in rural areas, we track the sharp increases in caseload in 13 states between August 1 and 25. This long-feared shift of Covid-19 cases from India's urban centres to villages and towns raises worries about inadequate medical and testing infrastructure and people's access to healthcare in the rural heartland



GEARED UP

Migrant workers at a construction site stand in a queue for a Covid-19 test in New Delhi | PTI



111 days at a China hospital

COVID-19

A Covid-19 patient from China has left the hospital after the longest-ever stay on a controversial life support machine, a report said on Monday. The 62-year-old man spent 111 days on an extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) machine, almost twice as long as previous patients. The patient was discharged from a hospital in Guangzhou last week after treatment for about seven months. The man was admitted to a hospital in late January. When his condition deteriorated, he was transferred to the hospital at Guangzhou Medical University in early Feb. The patient was supported by ECMO therapy for 111 days starting from Feb 9, reports Xinhua news agency.

China govt forcing unproven meds on Xinjiang residents

DANGEROUS PRACTICE

BELJING: When police arrested the middle-aged Uighur woman at the height of China's coronavirus outbreak, she was crammed into a cell with dozens of other women in a detention center. There, she said, she was forced to drink a medicine that made her feel weak and nauseous, guards watching as she gulped. She and the others also had to strip naked once a week and cover their faces as guards hosed them and their cells down with disinfectant "like firemen". "It was scalding," recounted the woman by phone from Xinjiang, declining to be named out of fear of retribution. "My hands were ruined, my skin was peeling."

The government in China's far northwest Xinjiang region is resorting to draconian measures to combat the coronavirus, including physically locking residents in homes, imposing quarantines of more than 40 days and arresting those who do not comply. Furthermore, in what experts call a breach of medical ethics, some residents are being coerced into swallowing traditional Chinese medicine, according to government notices, social media posts and interviews with three people in quarantine in Xinjiang. There is a lack of rigorous clinical data showing traditional Chinese medicine works against the virus, and one of the herbal remedies used in Xinjiang, Qingfei Paidu, includes ingredients banned in Ger-



A photo showing an unidentified medicine | AP

many, Switzerland, the US and other nations for high levels of toxins and carcinogens. The latest grueling lockdown, now in its 45th day, comes in response to 826 cases reported in Xinjiang since mid-July, China's largest caseload since the initial outbreak. But the Xinjiang lockdown is especially striking because of its severity, and as there hasn't been a single new

case of local transmission in over a week. Even as Wuhan and the rest of China has mostly returned to ordinary life, Xinjiang's lockdown is backed by a vast surveillance apparatus that has turned the region into a digital police state. Over the past three years, Xinjiang authorities have swept a million or more Uighurs, Kazakhs and other ethnic minorities into various forms of detention, including extrajudicial internment camps, under a widespread security crackdown. After being detained for over a month, the Uighur woman was released and locked into her home. Conditions are now better, she told the AP, but she is still under lockdown, despite regular tests showing she is free of the virus



Teslas can read speed signs

EV maker Tesla has rolled out a software update that will let its vehicles Autopilot system detect speed limit signs using cameras. When the camera detects a speed limit sign, it will display it on the driver visualisation screen in case. A user can also set a speed limit warning. "Speed Assist now leverages your car's cameras to detect speed limit signs to improve the accuracy of speed limit data on local roads. Detected speed limit signs will be displayed in the driving visualisation," a release said.

Wildfire blackens 3,250-year-old gate but spares key site

AGAMEMNON'S TOMB

ATHENS: One of Greece's most important archaeological sites escaped serious damage after firefighters tamed a wildfire that lashed the surrounding countryside, officials said on Monday. The fire erupted at noon on Sunday near the ruins of Mycenae, one of the centres of ancient Greek civilisation, about 120 kilometres (75 miles) south-west of Athens, prompting the evacuation of visitors and staff. "The damage caused to the archaeological site was the least possible, as the fire service acted swiftly and dry vegetation from the area had been cleared away," Culture Minister Lina Mendoni



Smoke rises during a wildfire over the Mycenae in Greece. Flames blackened the 3,250-year-old stone-built Lion Gate | INTIME NEWS VIA AP

said after inspecting the area. The flames licked the Bronze Age ruins near the tomb of Agamemnon, the king of Mycenae and leader of the Greek city-state forces during the Trojan War. The second millennium BC fortress city was one of the major centres of ancient Greek civilisation. Mendoni said the site would also reopen soon, adding that the "visitors will see only a little burnt

grass on the ground". A spokesman for Greece's main political opposition, the left-wing Syriza party, questioned the speed of the response by the Fire Service, noting that the fire had entered the site. The party said it would carry out a separate inspection later Monday. Greece grapples with wildfires every summer, with strong winds and temperatures frequently exceeding 30 degrees Celsius. Thirteen years ago, a fire threatened the temples and stadiums of ancient Olympia, birthplace of the modern Olympic Games. Firefighters were able to save the site, but dozens of people in the broader area died.

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Religious text

The Adi Granth, written by Guru Arjan Dev, also known as Kartarpur Bir, was installed at the Golden Temple on this day in 1604

HOLY SCRIPTURE

This Granth (Book) is the holy scripture of the Sikhs. The tenth Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh, added holy Shabads to this Granth during the period of 1704 to 1706



BRINGING RELIGIONS TOGETHER

This is the only holy scripture that was written by the founders of the religion during their lifetime. It can be considered a universal Granth as it contains the hymns of both Hindu and Muslim saints



MASTER COPY

Kartarpur town was founded by Guru Arjan Dev in 1598. This is now known as Gurdwara Thum Sahib where the master copy of Guru Granth Sahib is reportedly placed

Reba Monica John on
her new movie

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It's all magic



Express features

Surendranath S's new anthology of short stories, his third so far, will release on September 2. The book, he says, is a compilation of writings penned by him over the last four or five years. "Like all my other stories, these too are about fantasy and magical realism," says Surendranath, who is the former artistic director of Ranga Shankara. The book, called *Bandal Kathagalu*, features 9-11 stories written in Kannada. He continues, "I've been writing for 20 years now and always write in that genre. There's no reason I picked this genre, it just comes to you."

Speaking about the need to revive Kannada literature, Surendranath says, "Kannada literature is there, it is very rich and has a 2,000 year history. I don't have to revive it, I am part of it." When asked about future anthologies, he says, "Currently, I am not writing any story. Can anyone work on a schedule with writing?"



Surendranath S



SETTING A NEW STAGE

After months of being closed, Ranga Shankara founder Arundhati Nag has decided to open its doors every Sunday, with a talk on well-being scheduled to take place on Sept 6

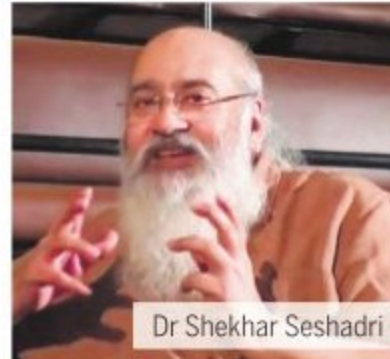
Vidya Iyengar

Job losses, pay cuts and survival struggles... The wrath of the Covid pandemic has left many in the lurch. This was the trigger for Arundhati Nag, the founder of theatre space Ranga Shankara, to start a programme, 'RS Connect', which she hopes will give the audience community a reason to visit and unwind at the theatre. Once a space that hosted 400 shows a year, the last six months or so have seen no activity at the premises.

But that is all set to change on Sept. 6, when the space in JP Nagar will open its doors to a limited audience (maximum 60 people), with a talk by Dr Shekhar Seshadri, senior professor, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and Associate

Dean, Behavioural Sciences, NIMHANS. While the three-part digital talk between Nag and Seshadri will be streamed on RS' YouTube channel every day starting Sept. 3, she points out that this new community outreach programme in the setting of a new normal. "There's a need for people to reclaim their me-time, which this offline event is an attempt at. There's a need to rekindle art in everyone's life as people are consumed on WhatsApp, Zoom or Google Meet. We want people to just come and engage with art," she says. "Right now, we need to build back the space brick by brick, audience by audience."

Even as the artist community is facing the heat of the pandemic, Nag has decided that anyone



Dr Shekhar Seshadri

can walk in sans tickets. "It is a means to reach out and connect with audiences and artists, while providing them an opportunity to explore different aspects of the arts and human life," she says, adding that the online conversations will address the impacts of Covid-19 across three verticals — children and parenting, uncertainty and insecurity, and

people with special needs (including the elderly and differently-abled), in the current scenario. At this point, the talks are scheduled every week with Seshadri, and will be interspersed with short cultural programmes featuring poetry, painting or storytelling. "As such, 'RS Connect' will have many structured and specially-curated components related to theatre, dance, music, visual arts, skill-building, readings, poetry, talks, and well-being, catering to people of all age groups and from all walks of life," says Nag.

In October, which also happens to be the anniversary month of Ranga Shankara, they plan to re-start performances. "We don't want to hurry up either. We are awaiting details from the government," says Nag.

The online talks on will be followed by a session at Ranga Shankara on Sep 6, at 5:30pm. Details available on their Facebook page

There's a need for people to reclaim their me-time, which this offline event attempt to do

—Arundhati Nag, founder, Ranga Shankara

National-level contest to prepare students for post-Covid-19 realities

Express features

The new normal demands new skills. Which is why global IT giant Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), is organising TCS iON IntelIGem, a national-level contest for students of class 5 to 9. The pre-designed test helps young learners develop relevant transferable skills in creativity and innovation, communication, financial literacy, universal values, and global citizenship.

The three-stage contest includes a qualifying round comprising online assessments, pre-finals, and a national-level grand finale. Winners and final-

ists can win cash prizes, new-age toys, trophies, medals and certificates, books and subscriptions and leadership training.

Venguswamy Ramaswamy, Global Head, TCS iON, said, "The recent National Education Policy encourages educationists and students to develop practical skills and pushes them to do away with the culture of rote learning. In line with this and the complexity of the current environment, the programme is designed to help students develop universally transferable skills that are relevant across spheres."

Registrations are open for schools until Oct. 15, 2020.



On call: Safe mental health spaces

Vaishali Vijaykumar

The impact of the pandemic has pushed many to the brink of succumbing to mental health challenges. Curbs on face-to-face counselling have put stress on acceptance, healing and recovery. Remedy, however, is now being offered by way of support via telephone counselling services, peer chat groups, helplines, and therapeutic sessions.

One such support group is Sumunum, which focuses on improving well-being through arts-based practices, experiential learning, and intervention. It was founded by Kamala Easwaran and Yog Varun Japee in April 2019. In June this year, the team launched Sumunum Connect, a multi-lingual support line that of-



fers a safe and non-judgemental space to those struggling with illness. "It's a team of doctors, teachers, art practitioners, coaches, lawyers, psychologists, and palliative care specialists. The purpose is to offer help to people not only with diagnosis and serious illness but also to anyone who wants to vent. Some of the core values we uphold are: Trying to be fully present, of-

fering a culture-sensitive atmosphere, and empathetic connection with people," explains Kamala.

The team has received over 3,000 calls and 1,000 follow-up calls since April. All non-mental health professionals have undergone a 100-hour training programme. As part of the syllabus, they have covered psychological first-aid, counselling-micro-skills, non-judgemental listening and responding, enabling caring conversations, and creating safe spaces.

The team follows the guidelines of the Mental Health Act 2017. The number is operational from 11 am to 11 pm and is soon to be made a 24*7 service. The helpline is available in English, Hindi, and Tamil.

For help, call: 1800123786868 or visit sumunum.com

Vidya Iyengar

As a final-year undergraduate student pursuing business administration, Maria Fernanda Garcia Gonzalez has been looking forward to the next phase of life — graduating, getting a job and starting a career. But things have been rough for the 27-year-old student from Mexico who has recently been diagnosed with a tumour in her left ovary. She has been taking treatment

from Dr Sreenivasa Rao at Ayaansh Hospital, Indiranagar.

Unable to manage the finances, Gonzalez has turned to crowd-funding platform Ketto to raise ₹2 lakh. "Just after my mother was diagnosed with coronavirus in July, my health issues started. She's a dentist and the pandemic has hit her practice very hard," says Gonzalez whose father passed away last year. "In the Western culture, you fly away from home at the age of 18, but my parents



supported me to the extent they could," she adds.

The last couple of months have been an emotional roller-coaster, with funds going towards her mother's treatment. Not wanting to bother family in these times, Gonzalez searched online about crowd-funding so that she could manage this independently. The student who

got stuck in India due to the lockdown started having unbearable abdominal pain and was diagnosed as having an ovarian tumour. "My mom and I have done all we can to collect money for the medical expenses, but ₹2 lakh is a huge amount," she says.

Gonzalez is often asked why she's turning to the public for

help. "It is such a misconception in India that Westerners are financially well-placed. People are always asking me why I'm asking different sources for money," says Gonzalez. She studied international relations back home while balancing jobs, including that of a bilingual receptionist, and decided to switch gears when she came to India. "I've always been keen to come here. I felt that international relations may or may not land me the job I would want, which is why I

decided to study business administration," she says, adding that being older than her peers only makes her more serious. "While the rest of them may bunk college, I know the effort it takes to be able to study," she says.

Right now, Gonzalez says her mother is worried being thousands of kilometres away. "The times are such that travel is not possible with borders closed. But Mexicans are known to be very brave, which I am trying to be," she says.

REACHING OUT

Home alone in B'luru, Mexican student turns to public to fund surgery

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—Fernanda Garcia Gonzalez, Mexican student

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LESSONS FOR ONE AND ALL



OPEN SPACE
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The pandemic has, for sure, created new divisions among people, be it the raging arguments on 'what's safe enough' even among family members, or the 'masked' vs the 'masked-on-the-chin' factions outdoors. It has also blurred quite a few lines – between day and night, home and office, parents and teachers... The last one struck me quite sharply recently, ahead of Teacher's Day, when a video forward showed a Bengaluru-based doctor talking about how constant adult presence beside the child during online classes may do more harm than good, with the parents' real-time evaluation of the teacher's knowledge, pronunciation, and the teaching methodology adding more pressure on the faculty members. The child too is under more stress, getting coached from two sides simultaneously. So, yes, turns out, there are far more challenges for virtual learning than bad internet connectivity.

A few weeks ago, a social media post highlighted another issue bothering teachers as they try to navigate their way about this new norm of holding classes – online bullying from students. Youngsters today may often know more about how to position the camera the right way, or figure out in a jiffy the locations of various icons on the screen, and many of them leave no opportunity unused to undermine the teacher when it comes to tech skills. Over the decades, teachers may have got used to the idea of having nicknames like 'red chilly' or 'shorty', but nothing would have prepared them to face curt corrections from none other than their pupils. And there's little they can do about it.

It's a tightrope that teachers are having to walk now – between proving themselves kind and caring on one hand, and strict and disciplinarian on the other, all under the watchful gaze of the parents. Not so long ago, the tables used to be turned when parents visited the school for the PTM. It was the domain of the teachers. They belonged in that space. The setting was perfect, with the blackboard, not the clothes-stand in the balcony, in the background. It was easier to connect with each other, when the ambient sound was of kids' whispering, not the dog's barking. And those connections were strong enough to last a lifetime.

Decades after passing out of school and college, fleeting memories of my teachers often sneak upon me at the most ordinary moments. I often think of Jagannathan sir when I cook ladies' fingers sabzi, since that was the first one I learnt how to make, in preparation of a Scouts and Guides camp that he organised. I often wonder if Balasubramaniam sir, our Maths teacher, who used to wear yellow and red trousers, and pink and purple shirts, and was mostly seen all by himself on the premises, had the courage to come out in the 1980s, when LGBTQ rights were unheard of. I have always admired the grit and resolve shown by Neelam Katara, our English teacher and one of the most soft-spoken persons I have met until now, when her son was murdered by Vikas Yadav, the son of an influential criminal-politician in Delhi.

I am sure, it's not just me. Most of us would want to meet our old teachers. And say thank you, and sorry.

This Teacher's Day, perhaps we should let the realisation hit home, that the pandemic has changed equations, and that we really need to stretch ourselves to respect the gurus, across the computer screen too.

An upcoming video by city-based actors aims to show the many facets of womanhood, by combining poetry with artistic expression

WORDS AND WOMAN POWER

Simran Ahuja

Words have always flown freely from Maulik Pandey's pen, except when it comes to one topic: Women. "I'm usually at a loss of words," says the city-based theatre practitioner and actor, who also publishes his writing on social media and personal platforms. A month ago, however, Pandey managed to pen a poem about the duality of women, which will now be released as a video featuring three city-based theatre persons: Archana Mittal, Anshulika Kapoor and Shatarupa Bhattacharyya. Directed by Sandalwood actor Surya Vasishtha, the video aims to show women who are self-aware and are vocal about their strengths and limitations.

The Hindi poem, titled *Dwi*, took Pandey 10 days to write, with the first draft running to 7-8 pages. "I wrote every thought that came to mind as I observed the lens of what the

women in my life must feel, and used that to highlight the omnipresence of women in a man's life," says the 29-year-old, who adds, "Men are always vocal about their problems, achievements and even in passing the blame. What would happen if women did the same?"

After fine-tuning and editing, Pandey eventually produced the final poem, which focuses heavily on the duality that women face, with lines that translate to: I am real as well as a figment of your imagination, I am the blame for all your wrongdoings and failures, I am the unseen face of all your achievements, I am the reason behind all your helplessness and yet at the same time I am the leading lady in all your sexual fantasies, Not merely a woman, I am someone with mettle.

Not wanting the video, which will release sometime this week, to be a mere narration of the poem, the team decided to artistically express Pandey's words. "We decided to do this through a range of activities that are largely associated with women, like cooking, dancing and dress-



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—Surya Vasishtha, sandalwood actor

ing up," points out Bhattacharyya. Agrees Vasishtha, who has previously acted in films like *Badmaash* and *Gantumote*. The director of the video explains, "For example, in activi-

ties like dressing up or cooking, we show both the end result and then slowly backtrack to the beginning – revealing the core nature. For example, we see Shatarupa completely dressed up

and then back-track to show her bare-faced as well. Similarly with Archana's sequence with cooking, you see the final dish and all the ingredients coming together too." The idea behind this, he says, was to portray duality through both expectations and the core nature of something, to show how they can co-exist.

"The video showcases femininity in all its forms and demonstrates how men can meaningfully collaborate with women to depict the lives of all women," says Bhattacharyya. Vasishtha echoes a similar thought, even though he admits that he was initially hesitant to be a part of the project. "I've seen so many videos where men try to tell a story about women and it does no justice. But it's also important that such narratives are attempted and I wanted to try this too. Telling these stories in the first place is the only way to get better at telling them," he says.



Shatarupa Bhattacharyya

Books on your fingertips

Kakoli Mukherjee

Our search for activities that can be enjoyed within the confines of our homes often ends in something that has been one of the most enjoyable pastimes since time immemorial – reading. However, living in the times of smartphones, technology-enabled solutions are trying to bring youngsters to books in formats that they can enjoy. Here are some apps that can help you finish a book or two.

Interactive fiction

What if you are reading a spine-chilling piece on the app, Plop stories, and you are on the sentence where the biggest scare appears? Be prepared to hear a scream. This app creates an experience of '4D reading' and also enables you to change the ending of selected stories. "We have designed this app for people under 35 who want to read books, but are unable to because they are used to bite-sized text. Those who are born in the internet generation consume a lot of content interspersed with video and audio clips on their smartphones. This app



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creates immersive, interactive fiction in a fast-paced format targeted at a young audience," says Anushka Shetty, co-founder of Plop Stories. She adds that the format takes the written word and infuses multiple multimedia elements like video, audio and role-playing mobile-based simulations to bring a life-like experience. The audio stories are priced at ₹30 per story.

Audiobooks

Storytel is an audiobook app that hosts over 1 lakh titles, in English, Hindi, Marathi, Ta-

mil, Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam and Bengali. From romance to self-help, you can listen to books at any time. You can change the narration speed, save audiobooks offline or switch between chapters. It also gives you an option to read an ebook. You can listen to eminent narrators like Stephen Fry, Kate Winslet or Sanjay Mhatre and Dilip Prabhavalka. Yogesh Dashrath, country manager, Storytel India, says, "Reading or listening achieve the same thing at the end, which is to lose oneself in the story and enrich

each day. Given the fast-paced times we live in, there are people who find it difficult to spare time for reading. They are discovering listening that allows them to incorporate stories in their multitasking life. As Indians, we have all been brought up amid stories our grandparents read to us. When you are listening to stories, one isn't essentially putting things on standstill to do so, you are relatively free to go ahead with your everyday tasks." The app offers a 14-day free trial, and charges a monthly subscription fee of ₹299 after that.

Free e-books and journals

If you are looking for free books and journals to read, then Oxford University Press is a treasure trove. In order to encourage kids to read during the quarantine, they have made free a large collection of children's books, categorised on the basis of age groups. You can choose among fiction, picture books, poetry, and flash books and activities. The website also offers support resources for home-learners, parents and teachers. In the research category, it has made content from online resources and leading journals freely accessible for researchers, medical professionals, policy makers and others.

CITY READ

Academy offers drone pilot training

Orient Flights Aviation Academy, the pilot training division of Orient Flights Private Limited, is currently offering Drone Pilot Training (RPA) Programs. Approved by the DGCA, this programme will provide unmanned aerial systems training to drone novices and advanced users. Designed to be completed over a single weekend, the courses provide qualified RPA experts with flight experience in practical applications and all the practical training will be given using DGCA approved RPA.



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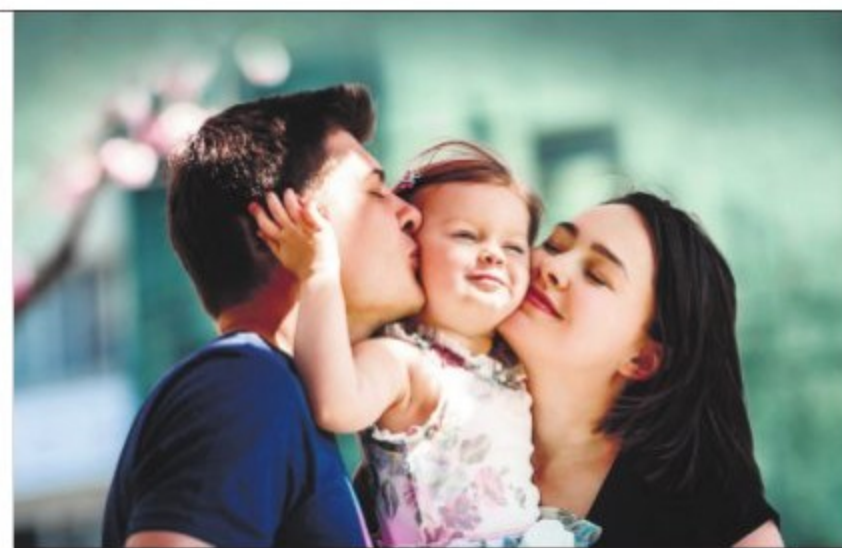


LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan

If you did your civics classes as part of your social studies in school, you might remember that in the Indian federal system of government, governance is split into central subjects, state subjects and the concurrent list. There are things like defence that are solely the central government's prerogative, others like public order and health are part of the state's domain and yet others such as education and forests are part of the concurrent list. For the most part, these lists are fixed though there have been some changes over the last 70 years. For example, education was moved from being a state subject to the concurrent list only in 1976 – till then it was quite completely the state's domain. Now, we have both state-directed education and centre-directed education co-existing.

Wondering what's all that got to do with love and relationships?

The centre and states, in some sense, are in a relationship in its real sense. There is love and sometimes friction between the parties, and oftentimes, the friction



The concurrent list

tion is around the areas where the state wants something and the centre something else. The division of roles and the clarities help a lot, and yet, every now and then, there are major differences of opinion, especially with regard to the subjects under the concurrent list. The centre seems to go one way and one or more states want to go another. The rumblings when these differences come up can become quite strident. Even recently, we saw it with the National Education Policy that the Centre announced, and how it was met with some resistance and even

protests by some states.

In relationships between people too, there is some degree of role definition. Sometimes, it is just an automatic assumption based on social conditioning, and at other times, a well-thought out, discussed and planned matter even before the commitment to the relationship. There are clear differences between the parties, such as cooking and cleaning become one person's and managing finances become another's and there are concurrent list items such as parenting or child-rearing, or other aspects such as planning

for holidays and outings.

Do relationships work better when there are clear roles and responsibilities? Or do they experience greater intimacy and connectedness when pretty much everything is in the concurrent list?

People seeking efficiency might say clear division works, and people seeking long-term effectiveness might say concurrent works, but relationships are rarely ever such clear trade-offs between efficiency and effectiveness. Relationships are a muddle of matters, and we rumble around between roles and responsibilities, successes and failures, moving from "You never listen to me," to smug "I told you so!" to sulks and protests and sometimes, outright conflict and fights. If too rigid, relationships might break under the pain of having very little in common or out of unequal distribution of rights and privileges, and if too intermingled, nothing gets done.

The middle path of collaborative federalism seems to be the much-vaunted ideal for both nations and relationships.

(The writer is a counsellor with InnerSight)



Onam wishes

Actor Nidhi Agerwal took to Instagram to share a picture of her in a blue saree as she wished her fans a happy Onam. She wasn't the only one soaking in the festive spirit this Onam. Shubra Aiyappa also shared a picture of her sporting a wide smile as she rocked a traditional saree for the festival. Priyanka Upendra also uploaded a story wishing her fans on Instagram, while



Nishvika Naidu posted a photo in the traditional saree, posing with her daughter, who dons a war helmet of sorts. National Award winning actor, Sruthi Hariharan, who is a new mom, took some time off her mom duties and made a simple yet colourful pookalam in front of her house.

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The light-hearted comedy-drama, directed by M Bharath Raj, revolves around a police constable; it will be the fourth production venture of Rishab Shetty Films, in association with Coffee Gang Studios



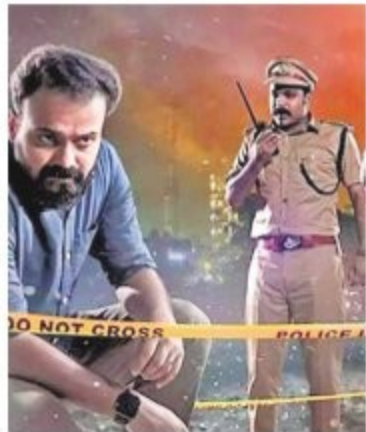
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Rishab Shetty

The film will trace the constable's journey, and his family, comprising a wife, kid, and father-in-law. An incident changes his life, and all of this is captured from the police constable's perspective

— M Bharath Raj, director



Malayalam film *Anjaam Pathiraa* to be remade in Hindi

Malayalam crime thriller *Anjaam Pathiraa*, which was released earlier this year, is set to be remade in Hindi.

Reliance Entertainment, Ashiq Usman Productions and AP International have joined hands for the remake.

Produced by Ashiq Usman, the Malayalam film was written and directed by Midhun Manuel Thomas.

The film, starring Kunchacko Boban, Sharaf U Dheen, Unnimaya Prasad, Jinu Joseph and Sreenath Bhasi, revolves around a serial killer who is on a rampage, killing policemen mercilessly.

"*Anjaam Pathiraa* is one of those slick thrillers that keep you on the edge of the seat! We are happy to remake the cult film for audiences across the country and the globe," said Shibaish Sarkar, Group CEO, Reliance Entertainment.



Stephan James joins Russell Crowe's *American Son*

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According to sources, Stephan James, who is best known for his work in *Selma* and *If Beale Street Could Talk*, is on board Russell Crowe's mobster film *American Son*. James will play a prisoner who falls under the influence of a mobster - played by Crowe - only to go on to create a multiracial, criminal empire and gain attention from Italian and Russian mafias.

Based on the 2009 French film *The Prophet*, YouTube-fame Andrew 'Rapman' Onwubolu, who made his directorial debut with last year's *Blue Story*, is set to direct *American Son*. Neal H Moritz and Toby Jaffe will produce the film that will have screenplay by Dennis Lehane, the writer of novels such as *Gone Baby Gone* and *Shutter Island* which were later made into feature films.

Stephan James was last seen in the action thriller *21 Bridges* alongside late actor Chadwick Boseman.

I'm glad to establish myself in different regions: Reba Monica John on taking up *Ratnan Prapancha*

The true blue Bengaluru girl, who never had acting in mind, has made her mark in Malayalam and Tamil films, and is now looking forward to winning the Kannada audience as well

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Drama, theatre or acting never crossed her mind, says actor Reba Monica John, adding that destiny, however, had other plans. Since her entry into the tinsel town, she has established herself in two languages and is now all set to make her mark in Kannada. The self-confessed true blue Bengaluru *hudugi* had been part of a reality show, and the face of popular commercial ads, before her film career took off with a Malayalam film, *Jacobinte Swargarajyam* in which she starred opposite Nivin Pauly. She later made her mark in Tamil films as well.

Reba came to limelight with Tamil actor Vijay's latest film, *Bigil*, and is now geared up to get noticed in Sandalwood too. While her Kannada debut with Jacob Verghese's directorial

Sakalakala Vallabha, starring Rishi, is yet to see its release, Reba has bagged her second Kannada project — *Ratnan Prapancha*. The film, directed by Rohit Padaki, is the first production venture of KRG Studios. It has her paired opposite actor Dhananjay. An official announcement about the project took place at the film's mahurat on Aug. 31.

Reba, who is happy to have her foot in more than one Indian film industry, is looking forward to gaining the spotlight here too. "I am very academically oriented, and my main aim was always to get good grades. I used to dance and sing, and had good leadership qualities, but the film world was never on my mind. However, I took a chance when I got an offer op-

posite Nivin Pauly at a time when the actor was at his peak, after his *Premam* had released. I wanted to give it a shot. If it hadn't worked, I always had a backup, because I had my Masters degree. But right now the story is different. It has been a lovely journey. With time, I have also realised that I have talent. I also work hard because, in the end, all that matters is good work. Moreover, irrespective of the language I speak at home, I am glad to establish myself in three different regions," says Reba, who is also in talks for a Telugu film.

She was drawn towards *Ratnan Prapancha*, jointly produced by Karthik Gowda and Yogi G Raj, when the first look-poster caught her attention, and that happened even before she

was approached for the project. "I just loved the look, and I felt the poster had a story, which was intriguing. Call it a coincidence, but I was approached by the team for the same project, and after a few rounds of discussions, it was finalised," says Reba, adding that a couple of factors made her accept the film. "*Ratnan Prapancha* doesn't come with a cliched story, or with typical characters. Moreover, the film directed by Rohit Padaki is backed by a good production house, and a brilliant technical team (music director B Ajaneesh Lokanath, and cinematographer Sreesha Kuduvalli). I looked at these while choosing any project, and I am glad to have made a good choice, where everything fit the bill," she says.



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A still from *Shakeela*

Richa Chadha's *Shakeela* biopic headed for OTT?

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Richa Chadha essays soft-core sensation Shakeela Khan in her upcoming biopic. The film, directed by Indrajit Lankesh, charts Shakeela's rise in the South industries in the 90s, while also delving into the difficult corners of her career. Titled *Shakeela*, the biopic, which also stars Pankaj

Tripathi, has been shot and edited. However, owing to the present situation due to the pandemic, the makers are considering releasing the film digitally.



I was interested in the story of a Muslim minority woman coming to a male-dominated industry and becoming a superstar,"

— Indrajit Lankesh, director

A source informs, "The film already had a digital exhibitor and thus, they are the first party to approach. The chances of theatres opening soon look bleak. Keeping that in mind,

the producers have initiated discussions with OTT platforms."

Hailing from Nellore, Shakeela debuted at the age of 20 in the 1995 Tamil film, *Playgirls*. She achieved fame for her appearances in Malayalam soft-core and B-movies through the 90s, emerging as one of the first adult superstars of India. Her road to stardom, however, was peppered with difficulties

and discrimination.

"I was interested in the story of a Muslim minority woman coming to a male-dominated industry and becoming a superstar," Indrajit had previously shared with us. "Hers is an unprecedented rags-to-riches story. But even after becoming a star — may be because of her own mistakes or the industry's ego and hazards — she kept facing problems. It's a story that can inform a lot of youngsters who dream of joining the film industry, but only see the glitz and glamour."